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# THE PAPERS OF CAPTAIN RUFUS LINCOLN

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# DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY

OF

#### Captain Kufus Lincoln

A SOLDIER OF THE WAR FOR AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE

AND

HIS WIFE

Lydia (Sprague) Lincoln

BY

THEIR DESCENDANTS



#### **PREFACE**

The following papers of our ancestor Rufus Lincoln, a captain in the Revolutionary War, which are now presented to the family, were fortunately preserved by his son, Minor Sprague Lincoln, and, as a descendant of both, I have long desired that our family should have the pleasure of reading the words of a participant in that heroic struggle.

The pages are given in his own words and style, without change, except for an occasional explanatory note and the supplying of missing data from authentic sources, to complete the story or article.

As will be noted, the papers consist of a number of memorandum books or diaries, nearly all home-made, letters from some of his old soldier friends, Company Reports, and odd memoranda.

Several of the books were written while he was a prisoner of war on parole at Flatlands, Long Island, some at New Windsor (Newburgh), N. Y., while in camp, and other entries made after his return home.

Of these papers, the following have appeared in print: The List of Prisoners on Long Island was published in a different form, in the "Spirit of '76," September, 1899, and the "American Magazine" for November, 1896, published the Celebration of the Birth of the Dauphin of France.

Rufus Lincoln filed claims against the Government for his pay and for money advanced for the company he raised and equipped. With these claims were many valuable papers, among them his discharge, all of which were destroyed when the British burned Washington in 1814.

I wish to express my thanks to those whose generous help has enabled me to preserve to the family these valuable relics of our ancestor, especially to Messrs. Lincoln Godfrey, William P. Clyde, and Louis Barcroft Runk.

JAMES MINOR LINCOLN.

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BOOK ONE

This book consists of a number of sheets of paper, cut to a size of  $5\frac{1}{2}$  by  $8\frac{1}{2}$  inches, and secured together by being sewed over and over on the edge.

There is no cover to the book, nor is there evidence that it ever had one; many pages appear to be missing from the front and back, and some have been taken from the middle, fortunately, however, without breaking the narrative.

It begins with the siege of Charleston, S. C., follows up with the Battle of Long Island and the Jersey campaign; then with the Saratoga campaign, in which we have an especial interest, as Rufus Lincoln marched his company from Taunton, Mass.. to Fort Ticonderoga. N. Y., to take part in this very campaign and was present in all the engagements, and was at the surrender of General Burgoyne.

The List of Prisoners of War on Long Island is especially valuable, as this is the only known copy in existence. Whether it is an original work of Rufus Lincoln, or a copy of the British Official List, it is impossible to say; no such record was known at either the War Department, Washington, or at the Massachusetts State Archives Office, Boston, until certified copies of these lists were sent to them by the family.

## PAPERS OF CAPTAIN RUFUS LINCOLN

#### DIARY NUMBER ONE

[1] June 28, 1776. General Clinton and Sir Peter Parker Atempt to pass by Forrt Moultra up to Charles Town after being there some [days] and are Repulsed. Sir Peter Receiv'd A wound which Ruined his Britches of which wound he Afterwards died it was Said the Brittishe had About 300 killed and many wounded. one of their Vessals called the Acteon was got A ground and was Evacuated and blown up A 26 gun Brig. Americans had 11 men killed in the Fort and 12 wounded most of them mortally

July 4, 1776. The Declaration of Indence [Independence] The Brittish troops evacuate Boston and go to Hallifax

July 2<sup>1</sup> . . . they Land and take poffession of Statten Island . . . Long Island — They have Scrimageing from there every Day untill the 27<sup>th</sup> Some loss on both Sides.

Joseph Gallaway (if the letters to A Nobleman be hev) in Page 25 Says the foot and Cavalry Sent over to America Amounted to 52815 of that number 40814 was under the Command of Gen<sup>1</sup> How when he landed on Statten Island American force Militia and all 18000.

[2] Aught 27, 1776. The Battle of Brooklyn on Long Island

the brittish had been Landed 6 Days and frequent Scrimages had happened between the lines but this morning the Atackt began before Day the Brittish Advanced in three Divisions Commanded on the Right by Gen<sup>12</sup> on the left by Gen<sup>13</sup> and Gen<sup>14</sup> Commanded the Center. Gen<sup>1</sup> How<sup>5</sup> head Quarters at this time was in New-utrecht Corn Wallace in Flattbush and Arskins <sup>5</sup> in Flatt lands

Americans had about 7000 men on the Island, when the Atackt began the March'd out of the lines in two Divisions the Right Commanded by Lord Starling, the other by Genl Sullivan who had the Command. Sullavans Division was Driven in About noon and the Division that followed them to the lines Surrounded Lord Starlings Division who Suffered much in the Retreat Across the Creek both Gennerals were made prisoners and 92 officers and about 909 Privates &c A Brittish

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This page badly blotted, and parts omitted cannot be deciphered.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Cornwallis. <sup>3</sup> Grant. <sup>4</sup> Von Heister. <sup>5</sup> Erskine. <sup>6</sup> Sterling.

Return Says they took three Gennerals 3 Col<sup>s</sup> 4 Lieut Col<sup>s</sup> 18 Cap<sup>ts</sup> 43 Lieu<sup>ts</sup> 11 Enfigns 1 Adg<sup>t</sup> 3 Surgeons 3 Majors forgot.

Augst 15. The Action on York Island when the Brittish Landed after the battle on Long Island of the 27<sup>th</sup> Instant the Americans Retreat over to New York but not untill the morning of the 30<sup>th</sup> and then made A Safe Retreat there was skirmishing every Day between the lines, from the Action untill this — they Stay'd Some Days in New York. [3] but were Still moving the Stores &c up the Island but great part of the Army had not moved up when the Brittish landed in New York Island Opporsite Baps [Kipps] Bay. About [3] 8 Miles Above New York, on the 15 of September being 16 Days after the Evacuation of Long Island — they had A Skirmish at their Landing good — the 6<sup>th</sup> of this Month the Congress passed A Resolve and Appointed Commissiones to treat with Lord and S W<sup>m</sup> How, who made Report that the Brittish Commissioners had only power to grant Pardons on Submission —

Sept 16, 1776. The Action York Island

the Next Day after the Brittish [landed] on York Island they Advanced towards the American lines which was then About two Miles below Fort Washington they were Atackted and Repulsed by A Party of Americans — A Brittish [Report] Say in these two Actions Above they [took?] prisoners I Col: 2 Lv Cols 3 Majors 4 Capts 7 Lieuts 354 Privates. from here [the] two Armys Lay very Nigh together. for Some time, the Advanced — Pickets being always in Sight of Each other and no between

1776. About 220 Hilanders were taken on the Coast of Virginia and about the same time about 400 more that belong'd to the Same Reenforcement were taken at Boston A Major Kil'd and Col. Campble among [those] maid prisoners—

[4] Octhr 13, 1776. The Action of Lake Champlain

Americans ware defeated and loft kild [wounded and prisoners] and Gen<sup>rl</sup> Waterberry a brigader in the Militia and Cap<sup>t</sup> Thatcher and about 68 privats were Maid prifoners — Gen<sup>l</sup> Waterberry Com<sup>d</sup> Gally Waf<sup>n</sup> [Washington] Gen. Carlton Commanded the Britifh. A Cap<sup>t</sup> pring<sup>le</sup> [Pringle] Coman<sup>d</sup> the Shipping — Gen<sup>l</sup> Arnold Com<sup>d</sup> the Americans but as his fleet and force was far Infererer he Retreated and at last distroyed [the] Cheif of his fleet he was on board the Congress Galla ["Galley"] which he ran on Shore with Several more Set them on fire and retreated to Ticondroga. The British under Command of Ge<sup>rl</sup> Carlton after the battle on the Lake persued the americans to Ticondroga and had Some Scrimagen but Retretted without attacting [the] fort. Gen<sup>rl</sup> Gates Commanded in the fort.

Oct br 16, 1776. Skirmish on Straton [Staten] Island

Gen<sup>rl</sup> Meser with Some of the flying Camp Crossed over from Amboy to Stratin Island, and Suprised a party of troops and killed 4 and took 18 prisoners he lost 2 men kild and returned. —

Octbr 1776. Rogers Rangers Surprised. —

Colº Haflet and Col³ — Commanded at the Surprife, and killed and took Several. but the guide that Col Haflet had Deceived him, which — baffled the Expidition and Caufed Some uneafnefs between the two Col³ which never was maid up as Colº — was then wounded and Colº Haflet kild Soon after. we had Cap¹ Rope [Pope] wounded and Several others

Westminster Magazine Says the British lost on the 18 of october an in the prevas [previous] Skirmishes from the 11 of Sep<sup>tr</sup> kild 2 Sergts 11 Rank and file, wounded 1 field officer 1 Cap<sup>t</sup> 1 Sub. 3 Sergt 41 Rank and file missing.

[5] Octbr 28, 1776. The Battle at White plains.

The British had taken pursisson of Long Island 27th of August defected the Americans there, and did not take pursession of York and York Island untill the 15th of September. The americans had moved [the] Cheeif [of] their force to the White plains. Leaving a garrison in fort Washington, and yit it was the 20 of october before the British Came up to attack them there.

the Americanes ware entrenched, they ware attacked out of their lines, and rettreted in to them but the British did not Chuse to follow them to their lines. there was many kild on boath Sids Cap<sup>t</sup> Adams of the Dallaw<sup>rs</sup> [Delawares] was Supposed to be kild as he was not heared of afterwar<sup>ds</sup>

Novbr 16, 1776. Fort Washington taken by the British

After the American army had Crofsed the north river Except this garrafon, the British had no other object on the East Side of the north river they all acordingly moved down against it, but not before the 16th of November 19 days after the battle at White plains. Gen'l How Commanded and atacked the lines about 8 O Clock in the morning, which ware much too Extinsive to be maintained by what troops was then in garrason. however they ware defended till after noon, and the troops Retreeted into the fort, and then ware as much to thick there as they had ben too thin on the lines. About 3 oClock the fort was Summonfed by Genri Kniphorfen [Knyphausen] which was not answered afterwards Genrl How Sent in a Summons it Capitulated to be Prisoners of war. the officers to have their baggage and Side armes. Colo Magaw Commanded about 30 kild and 2600 priloners among which was 200 officers. A Return in the Westminster Magazen for 77 [1777] Says Americans prisoners were 4 Cols 4 Lt Cols 5 Majors 46 Capts [6] 107 Lieut 31 Enfigns 1 Chaplin, 2 Adgts 2 Qt Masters 5 Surgans 2 Commeserys, I Engeneer I Waggener master 2601 Privats — Says their lofs from the 29th of october including this action was killed 3 Capt 3 Subs 3 Sergts I Drumer 68 Rank & file. Wounded 2 field officers I Capt 10 Subs 25 Sergts I Drumr 335 Rank & file Missing I Sergt 5 Rank & file.

Nov<sup>br</sup> 20, 1776. The attack & Evacuation of fort Lee on the west Side of River After the taking of fort Washington which was on the 16th Instant, the americanes had no army left on the East Side of the north river, but they Still held this fort which was oppiste fort Washington and being much higher ground Commanded that fort as well as obstructed the British in going up the north river. accordingly they Cross over to take it. But as Gerl Washington had Crossed the river Sometime before, he had marched his army down below this fort, Leaving but a few troops in order to detain the British Should they intend to follow him, as his army now began to be much lesened by the time of the flying Camp being [expired 1] and other Reasons, as the Militia not being Called out as it was not Expected the British would have keept the Campain So long opne.

<sup>1</sup> One of the worst features of enlistment at this time was that when the time expired, men went home at once, even in front of the enemy, and there was no knowledge upon what force a general had to depend for any action or campaign.

the fort was taken and about 71 prisoners. a return in the Westminster Magazene for 77 [1777] Says they took prisoners 1 Lieu<sup>t</sup> 1 Ensign 1 Q<sup>r</sup> master 3 Surganes 99 privats.

1776 The Retreet Through the Jersey.

Before the British had taken fort Lee, Gel Washington had marched his army Cheefly below, Crossing hackinstack and Second River, breaking down the bridges and leving parties behind to Check the advancen of the Enemy at every advantagyos post. he maid Some Stop at New Ark and Elesibath-Town but at Brumswik [Brunswick] he Stayed Several days, and then Marched back to Elesibath town, as if intending to Meet the Enemy and give them battle, who Seemed very Catious and doutfull in pursuing. but after Some days when Cheeif of the Stores and heavy baggage was moved [7] forward, he moved all his Army again to Brumswick, Excepting Amboy, which Untill now had been occupoyd by our troops. At Brumswick, our army Sataid yit Some time keeping partys back towards bonumtown [Bordentown] and Entrenching along the river, as if intending here to make a Stand. but on the —— of December, when the British Came in Sight we ware Cheefly ready to move of. they Cannonaded us Some time Cross the river wich we returned untill ready to march of which we did Leaving behind many tents Stores &C. for want of wagons.

The rear of the American army left Brumswik on the —— of December, and marched to Trintown [Trenton] 40 miles from Brumswick, Leaving Lord Sterlings Brigade at prins town 17 miles from Brumswick and after Staying there near a week, on the morning of the 7th our out posts were attacked and drove in by the Enemy. we had marched from Brumswick at 4 oClock that morning. Gen'l Washington and a part of the army had Returned from Trintown and the whole marched off in the afternoon, the Enemy being in Sight. Retreeted to Trintown Leaving guards on the rodes. the army was Crosing the Delaware all night and before noon the 8th were all Crossed, Exsept our rear guards, which did not Cross till after noon. the Enemy Came in to trintown about 4 oClock in the after noon. there was very little Stores left in Trintown.

Gen<sup>rl</sup> How has been much blamed for not Entirely diftroy<sup>ing</sup> Gen<sup>rl</sup> Washingtons army in this retreet as their numbers were So Redused by the time the flying Camp being out &c. it is Said that the American army the 8th of December when they Crossed the Delaware, did not Exceed 3.300 Effective men. one thing is Serting Gen<sup>l</sup> how maid very Slow advances. from Nov<sup>br</sup> the 20th the time he took fort Lee, untill the 8<sup>th</sup> of December, the time he Came to Trintown, being about 74 miles in 19 days.

Gen¹ Lee who had Crofsed the north river, with a party of troops to Joyne Gen¹ Washington but on account of the British post was obliged to march high up through the Jersyes, was Suprised at his Ldgiens by Colo Harcourt of the 16th Light draggons, and maid prisoner the trops marched and Crossed the Delre and joynd Gel Washington.¹

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> History has since shown that General Lee was a traitor to the Americans, that he kept the enemy posted of all moves, forces, etc., and that he refused at this point to obey General Washington, to move down and join him, and that his capture was prearranged. The original documents in his handwriting were found about

[8] Decbr 26, 1776. The Hessians [Hessians] Taken at Trintown.

After the American army had Crossed the Deleaware the 8th of Decbr they had took post for Several miles along the river to prevent the Enemy from Crossing the river. the British posts were at Trintown 1.200 men Commanded by Colo Ralle [Rawle] at Bordentown Whitehorse & Burlenton 2.000 men Commanded by Colo De Donop. Genl Lesley Comanded at prinstown. Genl Washington did not miss this oppertunity his army being Rensoced by Militia he was determined to atact Trintown & Burdintown, but in order to draw of Capt De Donop with his troops from Burlington he ordered a number of Militia to go to mount polly to draw him of which had the desired Effect. Acordingly Genl Washington Crossed the river Several miles above Trinton on the night of the 25th in time of a terable Storm of Snow the river being fool of ice. Marched down and Engaged the Enemy, which had a Short notes of his Aproach. Colo Ralla was mortly wounded and Several more kild. the garrison Cheesly maid prisoners. the party that attemped to Cross for Burdentown was Disopinted the army Imeaditly Crossed the river with their prisoners. —

Jany 1, 1777. The action at Trintown and near prins town & C.

After taiking the Heſsens on the 26th of Decbr Colo De Donop who Commanded at Burlington Burdington &C imeatly marched back to prinstown and joyned Gen¹ Laſly who Commanded there, leving Trintown and theſe other poſts. Gen¹ Waſhington with his Army Croſsed the Delaware again on the firſt of Jany and was met in or near Trintown by the Britiſh Armey. — Commanded by Lord Cornwallace they had a Smart Schurmige in the Evining and the britiſh lay on their arms Expeting the attack to be Renewed in the morning. but in the night Gen¹ Waſhington leaving a party to keep up the fires they had kindiled, marched of his army by a difſerent Rout to Prins-town. near that place he fell in with the 17 and 55 Reg¹ and Some others. he attacked them and Diſperſed them took hear and at prinſtown about 230 priſoners.

In this acttion near prinftown we had kild Gen<sup>1</sup> Mercer [9] Col<sup>5</sup> Haflet, and many more. British had kild I Capt I Serg<sup>t</sup> 16 Rank & file. Gen<sup>1</sup> Washington marched through Prinftown up to Morras town and took post there and the British Retretted back to Brunswick and Amboy. this Winter Gen<sup>1</sup> Washingtons head Quarters was at Morris town and Gallaway <sup>1</sup> Says had not above 6000 troops

Aprl, 1777. The British Burnt Danbuary.

the British went up under the Command of Gen<sup>rl</sup> Tryon 2000 men and burnt Danbuary [Conn.] and were repulced. British lost kild wounded and mising 172—

the Americans los kild Gen¹ Woster [Wooster] of the Militia 4 Col⁵ and others more then the british.

March 23. The Barraks burnt at peeks kill.

the british went up the north River to peeks kill [Peekskill] with their Shiping, landed and burnt the Barraks and Stores this Expidition was Commanded by Colo Bird who had about 500 men with him.

Apr. 13. The action at Bound Brook in the Jersey.

1870 in an old desk which belonged to the secretary of General How. John Fiske, School History of the United States, pp. 220, 221.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Joseph Galloway and Allen were members of Congress, but accepted pardon from the British.

Gen $^1$  How to Lord Germane Says the Americans loft kild 30 prifoners between &c 90, took 3 Brafs field peafes, their lofs 3. and 4  $L^t$  infartry wounded weft.  $M^m$  Maga $^z$ 

May 23, 1777. An Expidition on Long Island.

Col<sup>o</sup> Meigs, who had been taken prisoner at the attempt to Storm Quebeck, Commanded the Expidition he with about 130 men crossed the Sound to a place Called Sag Habour on the East End of Long Island Burnt 12 Brigs & Sloops, and Destroyed much Stores which was Colleted at that place — and brought off 90 prisoners Consisting of the Officers who Commanded Commissary — Masters of Vessels &c and Returned haveing performed A March of 90 Miles by land and water in 25 hours they Returned to Guildford in Connecticut

from A British Register for the year 77 [1777].

[10] 1777 Gallaway fays in Examination that the Americans in 1777 had loft, killed in battle, taken prisoners, and by Deaths in Hospitals not less than 40,000 men, and in his notes he says the States Since the Commencement of the Rebellion have loft in Hospitals and Battle, in their Navel and land Service not much short of 100,000 men, which Amount to A fift part of the white men in Americas capable of bearing Arms.

About the Middle of September 1776 the Congress passed the Resolve for Raising 88 Reg<sup>ts</sup> to Contain 729 men Each Including officers which would Amount in the whole to 64152

they were to Serve During the warr, and to be Raifed in the following proportion — New Hampshire 3 — Masatusets Bay 15 Regts — Rhode Island 2 Regts — Connecticut 8 Regts New York 4 Regts — Jersey 4 Regts Pennsylvania 12 Regts Maryland 8 Regts — Dallaware 1 R: Virginia 15 Regts North Carolini — Regts South Carolina — Regts Georgei — Regts

Soon Afterwards there was A Refolve for Raifing 16 more Additional Reg<sup>ts</sup>—and in A Short time after Apointed Another mode [of] Enliftment which was for 3 years with the Same bounty. the Allotment of land Excepted

June 26, 1777. The action at the Short Hill an there abouts.

During the winter while Ge<sup>1</sup> Washington lay at Morris Town, there had ben frequant Skirmiges on the lines. in the Spring Gen<sup>1</sup> Washington quited his winter quarters and took poast in an a-vantigous place along Midil brook

the first of June Gen¹ How received Reinfosment of the Anspoks troops & British and German Recruits, as well as a Supply of tents and field Aquipage. he left New-York the 12th of June and took the field marching from Brumswik in two Coloms to Midil bush and Hillsborough, but kept the Rairinton between him and Gen¹l Washington, who was incampt on a hill above [11] Quibletown. in this place the British built 3 Strong Redouts, and there was Continual Skirmingin between the piquits, but if it was Gen¹ Hows Desine to bring on a General action Gen¹ Washington avoided it. Lying Still and Secure his force being much Infearer to the British in number. on the 19 day after being out 7 days the British Retreeted through Bromswik, and did not Stoop untill they arived at Amboy, and ware warmly persued all the way. the Bridge they had prepared to Cross Delawar they maid use of to Cross on to Straton Island. they took over all their baggage and Some of their troops. this retreet

drawed Gen¹ Washington notwithstanding all his Caution from his Strong ground, and the british thinking now had an opertunity Immeaditly marched back by Defferent Routs on the 26th — Lord Cornwallace with his Colom fell in with Lord Serling, and after a Smart action the American give way, had Several kild Some taken and lost 2 field peaces they ware perfued as far as west field — Gen¹ Washington perceving his mistake if he was deceived Retreeted back to his Strong ground, there was Some more Skirmiagin but not many lost on Either Side — Gen¹ How again retreeted and Crossd over to Straton Island on the 27th day where their Ships were Redy to Receive them.

Gen¹ How had at this time under his Immediate Command at New York 29–478 Effective men as Mr Gallaway Reports on Evidence before the house of Commons. — Gallaway Says Gen¹ Washingtons force in the Jerseys when Gen¹ How Crosd to Straton Island did not exceed 8000 men Militia Incluided, and Gen¹ Gates army did not amount to 5000 over the North River. in this action of the 26, British lost kild about 60 Americans about 30 Capt Anderson was kild

[12] July 10, 1777. General Prescot taken from Rhode Island

This Spirited affare was Conducted by Col<sup>o</sup> Barton, who with Several other officers and Volentears, who went from providence to Rhode Island a long pasage by warter in the night and passed the Shipping and guard boats that Surrounded the Island, and Surprised the general who Commanded on the Island, in his Quarters bringing him off and his aid Lord Barrington, and landed them Safe on the main. —

this affare much Diftrefsed Gen<sup>1</sup> Prefcot as he had lately offered a large Reward for the perfon of Gen<sup>1</sup> Arnold and arnold immediatly Returned it by offering a much inferiour Rewarard him.

July 23, 1777. The British fleet with the troops left Sandy hook after being Embarked from the 5th.

Gen¹ How Embarked with him 36 Brittiſh & Heſsens Battalians, including the lite Infintery & Granaders the Queens Rangers and a Regiment of lite hors. Seventeen Battalliens, a Regement of light hors and the remander of the new Raiſed Corps were left to guard new York and the adgaicant Iſlands Commanded by Gen¹ Clinton Seven Battalions, were left to guard Rode Iſland.

Aug<sup>t</sup> 29. Gen<sup>1</sup> How with the army Landed at the head of Elk on the 25th of August after a passege of 33 days and many or most of them being on board from the 5th of July made 17 days more a terrable to be Cooped up in this hot Season.

After Gen<sup>1</sup> How had Sailed from New York the unfertainty where he Intended to land Caufed Gen<sup>1</sup> Washington to be in Suspence for Some time he did not Cross the Delaware until about the 10th of August and passed Philidelpha about the 25th and took post on red Clay Creek near Wilmington.

[13] Sep<sup>tr</sup> 11, 1777. The Battle of Brandywine.

The British army marched from pencadder [Pencadder] on the 8th Passed through Newark, Hockeson and New Garded [New Garden] the 10th they arrived at Keenet Square.

Gen¹ Washington had moved from Red Clay Creek, — about the 8th and taken post at Chads [Chadd's] ford on the East Side of Brandywin[e] and between the Enemy and Philidelphia, and about 6 milds from Kennet Square.

on the morning of the 11th About day break the British advanced in two Coloms, the Right Command by Gen¹ Knyphorsen [Knyphausen] which marched derecttly to Chadsford, which lay about the Center of the American line the fords for Some miles above and below being guarded by the Right and left of the armys

they ware met and atacked by a party Commanded by Gen¹ Maxwell who did much Excution but was obliged to Retreet and Come over into the line about 9 or 10 oClock began a heavy Cannonade from boath Sides which Continuaed all day. At times the Enemy would Seem as if they ware Determined to force the foard the better to Deceives as it is Evident they wished to keep all Gen¹ Washington Attention hear, we had Several detchments in the Corp of the day Sent over the River to Skurmige with the Enemy but they ware all at last drove Back.

While the Americanes attention was Entirely taken up in the Neighbourhood of Chadsfoard Supposing they had all the Enemy there Engaged, Lord Cornwallace at the head of the Second Colom took a long march to the left and Crossed above the forks of the River at Trimbels and Jefforys ford about [six] mils a bove Chads, About 2 oClock in the afternoon and then turned Short down the River took the Rode to Dilworth in order to fall on our Right. This march was Condeted, [14] with So much Seecerscy and Suckses that Gen¹ Washington [had] no Certain intelligance of it untill they had Crossed and were near down on his Right. Gen¹ Sullivan who Commanded on the Right, was Suddintaly atacked about 4 oClock by the Enemy and Repulsed and after Reinforced and maiking Several Stands, was finilly obliged to give way. about Sunset the Enemy Crossed Chadsfoard and Gen¹ Washington with the whole army Retreted to Chester, leaving guards on the Roads.

The British Annual Regester for the year 77 [1777] Says Americans loss was kild 300 wounded 600 prisoners 400 Lost 10 field peases all brass but one.

British loss under 500 hundread not one 5th of which was kild

Gallaway Says the British Army at this time including all that was with them was about 20,000 The Americans about 15,000, besided about 1,000 for which they Could not procure Arms.

Augst 22, 1777. Gent Sullivans Expidition on Straton [Staten] Island

Gen¹ Sullivan was Sent with his Division up the north River and Crossed at—in Confiquence of Some faints [feints] Gen¹ How had maid of intending that Rout with his fleet, but when their Distination was better known, he was Called back and on his way marched from Morristown to Elisabeth town point and Crossed and Crossed over to Straton Island to atack a poast of the British left there he maid about—prisoners.¹

But on his Retreet he was purfued and by Some mistake or mismannagement of them that had the Cair of the boats his rear was taken their their loss kild 13. and prisoners 172 including 1 L<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> 3 Majors 2 Capt 15 other officers.

The westminster magazene Says the Americanes loss prisoners 259 including the officers as above

[15] Septr 20, 1777. General Wane [Wayne] Surprised by Gent Gray

After the Disopintiment of the action by the Rain on the 16th boath Armeys ware manvering Several days very near to Each other on the day Gen<sup>1</sup> Washington

<sup>1</sup> There were 3 officers, 10 men killed, 15 wounded; 9 officers and 127 privates prisoners.

Crofsed Schulkill to the East Side at parkers ford, leaving Gen<sup>1</sup> Wane with his Brigade on the west Side and in the rear of the Enemy and on the 19th when he lay at peola [Paoli] about 12 OClock at night he was Suprised by a Detachment of the British army Commanded by Gen<sup>1</sup> Gray

Americans loss kild about 60 wounded 100 prisoners about 20.

The British annual Regester for the year 77 [1777] Says 300 kild or wounded on the Spot.

Octir 4, 1777. The Battle of Garmantown.

After Gen<sup>1</sup> Washington had Crossed the Schulkill to the East Side he moved

down to fatland ford [near Norristown], opposet where the British lay, and there he Staied Some days guarding the fords to prevent them from Crowsing Untill the Stores &c were muved out of philidelpha, which now was intended to be givin up.

And when they were moved, he marched his whole Army up the River to faulkners Swamp. the British Crossed, on the 26th of September marched to Germantown and Lord Cornwallace with a Detachment took porsession of Philidelphia. without any opposition the main army lay Incamped in Germantown. a detachment had ben Sent from Wilmington, Under Command of Colo Stirling, who Crossed the Delaware at Chester in order for to atack a post the Americanes had at Billingsport. Delaware at Chester, in order for to atack a post the Americanes had at Billingsport, which they Euacated Spiking up the Cannon, burning the Barrakes &C. but hear the British Committed Blunder in not taking possession at the Read bank, which was yit unoccapyed, and Cost them many lives afterward.

After the British took possession of Philidelphia, Gen¹ Washington moved down to Skippach Creek, about 16 Miles from Germantown, and having Received Some [16] Reinforcement, he Deterimended for to atack the British at Germantown. — Accordingly he marched from his Camp about 6 OClock in the Evining of the 3th of octr at 3 OClock in the Morning their aproch was Discovered the British line lay Extended acrost Germantown the left Extended to Schoolkill on that wing was posted the mounted and Dismounted German Chassurs in front, and a Battalion of light Infintry and the Queens Rangers were in froont of the Right Wing, and the 40<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> with another Battallien at the head of the Villiage.

The Americanes ware in two Divisions Gen1 Sullivan Commanded on the Right and began the atack. Some time before the left which was Commanded by Gen1 Green got up, the British gave way and wer beaten back boath on the Right and left through their Encampment. but Col<sup>o</sup> Musgrove, of the British with 6 Companys of the 40<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> through them Selves in to a Strong Stone house [Chew House] and So well Defended it that it much Detered the pursit, as they took time to Summons him and on his Refusing to give up and fired on the flag, and killed an Ade [aide-decamp], who Commanded it. they brought Cannon to play on the house, but this delay gave the British Some time to Renforce, and at the Same time it is Said Gen<sup>1</sup> Stephens who was on the left, gave orders to Retreet without orders, which threw the whole into Confusion, and put them under a nesscessity of Retreeting Just in the time of the fullist Expectation of Victory the 9th Verga Regt and part of the 8th who were Considerably avanced had no orders to Retreet untill Surrounded they ware all kild and taken. it is Said that an Extrodanry fogg that morning was much hurt to the americanes in their purfute as their partys often fired on Each other they Retreete back to Skippach Creek. it is thought there was about 225 British kild among which was Brigd<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Agnew, Col<sup>o</sup> Bird and one other L<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> and Several other officers wounded upwards of 700 and Some prisoners.

[17] Americanes lofs kild about 200 wounded 600 prifoners about 260 Including about 50 officers. Among the Slain was Gen<sup>1</sup> Naſh [Nash] of N. Carlinea, Col<sup>o</sup> Seers, Major white, Major Sherburn aid to Gen<sup>1</sup> Sullivan, and many other officers. the Britiſh annual Regeſter for 77 [1777] Says the Britiſh Loſt killed wounded including Some prifoners was 535, 70 of which were killed including Gen<sup>1</sup> Agnew Col<sup>o</sup> Bird and Several other officers.

Americanes Lofs kild between 2 and 3 hundred 600 hundred wounded and 400 hundred prifoners among which was 54 officers.

Octor 6, 1777. Fort Montgumrey and fort Clinton taken by the British

Genl Burgoyne in his march from Cannada had avanced and Crofed the north River and had got far to Bemans hights and Expected in a Short time to be in Albany, where he hoped to be met by Genl Clinton — Acordingally Genl Clinton Embarked about 3000 men at Newyork, and a large navil force Commanded by Comadore Hotham. it Seems their Define was to form a Juntion with Genl Burgoyne, but it was first nesscary to Destroy these two forts, wich ware on the west Side of the North River and about 53 miles from newyork, Situated on Each Side of a Creek, that Comes out of the mountains, with Bridge a Crofs it by which thare was kept a Communication between the two forts, the forts ware far from being finshed or full maned, Commanded by govner and Genl Clintons of Newyork State. there was a Boom and Chaine acrose the River, to keep the Shipping from passing up the British ware landed in two Divisions at a Considerable Distance from the fort and by a long and Diffcult March through the mountians, Came in on the back of the forts, and began the Storm, on boath forts nearly at the Same time with So much furey, and with a Superear number of men, that notwiftanding they made a most obstinate Defence they wear oblyged to Surrender. the Commander and about 300 men maid their Escape

[18] Their lofs killed about 60 prisoners about 250 including I Col<sup>o</sup> 3 L<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> 3 Major 2 Cap<sup>t</sup> I Q<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> I Major B<sup>rt</sup> 2 Conductes I4 Suboltans. The westminister Magazine for 77 [1777] Says their Lofs kild I L<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> 2 Majors I Capt. 2 Lieut. I Engsin 3 Sergts 30 Rank and file and a polish [Polish] nobleman. wounded 4 Cap<sup>t</sup> 5 L<sup>t</sup> 2 Ensigns, 4 Serg<sup>ts</sup> I Drumer I26 Rank & file.

After the taking fort Montgomery the Americanes Set fire to two fine new frigates and Some other vessels which their Stores and artillery were all Destroyed and in a few days after on the aproch of the British, they Destroyed and Set fire to fort Constitution

Gen¹ Tryon at the head of a Detachment Deftroyed a new and thriving Settelment Called Continantial village¹ which Contained Barracks for 1500 men, with Confiderable of Stores &C. Sir James Wallace with a flying Squadren of light frigites and Gen¹ Vaughan, with a detchament of troops, Continued their progefs up the River Carring Ruin and Deftruction where ever they went, at the very

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> On the east bank of the Hudson a little above Verplanck's Point, three miles from Peekskill on Canopus Creek.

time Gen<sup>1</sup> Burgoyne was Receving the most favorable Condition for him Selef and a Runed [ruined] army. The fine villige or town of ESopas [Kingston] was Reduced to ashes and not house left

But when Gen¹ Gates had done his bufineſs at Saratogua he marched Down to meet theſe Conquring Deſtroyers, but on his aproach they Diſmantled the forts and Returned back to newyork with their Shiping.

[19] Oct 17, 1777. The Convention at Salitogua [Saratoga] and the progreſs of Gen¹ Burgoyn Army from the time he leſt Canada untill that time &c.

N B the following acounts ware Chieſly taken from the Britiſh Annual Regeſter

for the year 77 [1777]

After the battle on Lake Champlain in october 1776—the Americanes having the most of their fleet Destroyed, After Destroying what they Could not Carry from Crown point, Retreeted to Ticondroga, where they were followed by the British commanded by Gen¹ Carlton in November but as the Season was So far adavanced, or for Some other Reasons he did not See fit for to attack the post. But returned to Canada with his army no Doubt expecting to pay them another visit in the Spring. But the Command was taken out of his hand, and givin to Gen¹ Burgoyn, much to the Suprise of many, and as it is thought to the great mortifycation of Genl Carlton.

The Regliour [Regular] force alloted for the expidition Condcted by Gen<sup>1</sup> Burgoyne, Confisting of british and German troops amounted to 7173 [7173] men Excluesive of the Attilary Corps. of these 3217 were Germans, besides Severel Corps of provenshals [Provincials] and a large number of Canadans [Canadians] and Indins. out of these he Sent a Detchmant on an Expidition to the Mowhak River, Under Comm<sup>d</sup> of Col<sup>o</sup> St Ledger. he had with him 7 or 800 men Consisting of 200 drawn from the 8th & 34 Regiments, a regeiment of Newyorkers laitly Raised by and under the Command of Sir John Jhonston, being mostly Emigrants from his own Country, adjoining to the Intended Scene of action with Some Flander Chassears a Company of Canadanies and another of newly Raised Rangers, and joined by a Strong body of Indians.

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[20] 1777. Gen¹ Burgoyne had with him Major Ger¹ Phillips and Reidefe¹, Brigsr Frazer, Powel, Hamelton Speht, and Goll.

The Regular force left in Canada including the highland Emigrants was about

3,700

June 21. The British army arived at the River Bouquet, on the west Side of lake Champlain and not far Northward of Crown point hear Genl Burgoyne met the Indians in Congress, and maid a faimous Speech to them, giving the Warours [Warriors] their orders, &C.

And Soon after Spread abroad his So well known faimous flaming proclamation.

The army then moved to Crown point, which is about 15' miles from Ticondroga, where they maid but a Short Stay, and then proceded on for to attack Ticondroga, wheare Gel St Cleair had then the Command, and according to his letter to Congress had only about 3000 men, Including 900 Militia that were to leave him in a few days, A Number Entierly too Small to man Such extensive lines against Such a Supperiour force

A part of the works were given up and the British took persession of Mount hope which Entierly Cut off the Communication with Lak[e] Georg[e]

[21] July 5 The 5th Gen¹ St Cleair held a Counfel of War in which it was Determined to Evacuate Ticondroga which was acordingly done on that night. the baggage wth what of the Stores, Artilliry &c. they Could get away was put on board 200 Batteaux, with a Detachment under Convey of 5 galles¹ or armed vefsels, and Sent up the South River, in their way to Scheenfborough² The main army took their rout[e] by the way of Cafeltown for the Same place next morning they were purfued by the British Gen¹ Redefel and frazer with a Strong force purfued those by land, while Gen¹ Burgoyn Condutced the purfute up the River, with a much Supeearer force of Shipping and a Strong detachment of troops Embarked. about 3 oClock in the afternoon they Came up withe the Rear of our boats, near Schenfborough falls they had landed 3 Reg¹s at South Bay in order for to march to the falls, to attack a post and and Some works at that place, and Cut of the Retreet, but they ware Evacuated and burnt befor the Enemy Reached the place.

two of the galles were taken the other three Evacuated and blown up the Batteaux were Chefly loft and Deftroyed with the Baggage Stores &c the Crus with the troops Efcaped as well as they Could in the woods along wood Creek, naked and Deftitude of provision, with only their arms in their hands. a few of the Battuckx that were in front Efcaped up wood Creek [22] Neitheer did those that went by land fair any better.

July 7, 1777. At 5 oClock in the morning of the 7th Colo Frances a brave officer who had the Command of the Rear-Guard was overtaken and attacked by Gel fazor with his Brigade. the action was very Sevear and Suxcess dughtfull for Sometime. but Gel frazar being Renfoced by Genl Readsel with the German troops, the Americanes wer obliged for to give way Leaving their brave Capt and many other officers Dead (and it is Said about 200 privats, and Col Hale 7 Capts 10 Subs and about 200 privats prisoners. and about 600 wounded many of which perished in the woods, as mentined in the British annual regester for 77 [1777]. The British lost many kild and wounded among their dead was Major Grant.

At the time of this action Gen¹ St Cleair with the Van of the Army was at Caseltown about 6 mils forther on, and under an apprehension of being Entersepted at fort ann he Struck out to the woods, to his left, Seemingly unfixed whether for to Direct his Cours[e] to the uper part of Conncuit [Connecticut] or to fort Edward. Colo Hill of the British with the 9th Regt was Detached from Scheensorough toward fort ann, in order to intersept those that fled up along wood Creek. on his way he was atcaked by a party of the [23] Americanes who after a Smart Action of three hours were Repulsed with loss and after Seting fire to fort ann fled towards fort Edward on Hudsons or the North River.

it is Said that in all of those actions, Some of which were very Sevear the British loss in kild and wounded Did not much Exceed 200 men as pr the annuel Regester for 77 [1777]

Such was the Success of this army in its out Set that they Carred all befor

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Galleys or large open barges for rowing or sailing.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Now Whitehall.

them and ware So Elated as alrady to Confider them Selves as if in possetion of Albany and their Difilaity over

Gen¹ Burgoyne with the army Staied Some days at Schensborough and the adjoining Country, wating for the arival of their tents, Baggage provision Stores &c. and in opining Rodes by the way of fort Ann, and Clearing the navatgation of wood Creek from trees Stones &c. layed in it by the americanes to obstruct their pursute and at Ticondroga they ware Engaged in Carring gun bots provision Versiels Battucks &c. over land about one mild into Lake George in order to Convay them towards the North River

Gen<sup>1</sup> Schyler who was Commandr in Cheif of the American Army in that Department was at fort Edward on the N. River 44 miles from Ticondroga. Indevring for to Clect the Militia [24] whare he was joined by Gen<sup>1</sup> St Cleair and his army who had taken Roundabout march of Seven days through the woods. where by the badness of the wather, the want of provision and all manner of nesseryes thay Suffred Extremly, in a manner distitute of arms Ammunition and all Meterals of war.

the army that Came in the Retreet with Gen<sup>1</sup> St Cleair did not go into fort Edward but halted at fort Miller on the 13th of July about 8 miles from fort Edward and on the 18 moved to Mofes Creek, about 3 miles from fort Miller.

it was the last of July before Gen<sup>1</sup> Burgoyne and his army got the length of fort Edward altho the Distance from Schensbourough is but Short, for there was no pains Sparied by the Americans in obstructing his passage, by Cuting down trees, Breaking up Bridges, and Every other henderence that was in their power besides the natural Distance of a wild and very rough Country filled with Creeks and Marshes &C. it is Said he had 40 Bridges for to Construct one of two milds in length, besides athers to repair and Some Skirmiging & firing on every Days march.

At the aproch of Gen<sup>1</sup> Burgoynes Army, Gen<sup>1</sup> Schyler Evacuated fort Edward and their pofts at mofes Creek, and Retreeted [25] on the 28th to Saratoga twenty miles from fort Edward and but 36 above Albany. Saratoga is on the West Side of the N. River.<sup>1</sup>

As the British had now no obstructions of the Lakes a great Embarcation of Stores and provision and nesseary had alrady arived at fort George from Ticondroga, and the army was Employed for Some time in moving them from that place with their Artellery &C to the N. River in which passage they had about 16 miles Land Carage.

It was at this time that this armey Seemed to Carry all before them, That the New England States, as well as the Congress, acted with that Vigure and firmness that Convince their Enemyes that they would not Sink under their past Missortuanes, and the apperhensions of future dangers by turning out the Militia from all Quarters to oppose their farther progress. it was about this time Mrs Mc Crea and many other peasable inhabitance were Crualy murdred by the Indianes.

And indeed the Ravages they Commtted aded much to the number of the American Army, as the Inhabitance Rather Chufed to turn out and oppose them the [n] to be Cruely Murdered With [26] their famelys and all that was dear to them.—

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Hudson or North River.

Gen<sup>1</sup> Gates was now appointed to take the Comma<sup>nd</sup> and Gen<sup>1s</sup> Schyler and St Cleair were to retire.

Gen¹ Arnold, with a train of Artillery was Sent by Gen¹ Washington to Renforce the Army at Saratoga he arived there before Gen¹ Gates . . . and on his arival he drew the army to Sill Water aug⁺ 2th a Centiral place between that and and the mouth of the mohawk river where it falls in to the N. River. by this Situation he expected to Check the progress of Colo St Ledger Who was now advancen upon the Mohak River. The American Army was daly increasing by the Militia, Who generaly turnd out on aCount of the outrages of the Indinens.

In the mean time Gen<sup>1</sup> Burgoyn in the Neighbourhood of fort Edward, began to experance their diffculties, which Still Increased as he advanced forward, from the 30th of July till the 15th of August. the Army was daly Employed and every possiable measure used for bringing forward Batteaux, provision, Amminiton &C. from fort George, to the first navigable part of the N. River, in which passege they had a land passage of 16 miles. this was attended with So much dificulty that after the utmost of exertions for 15 days there was not above 4 days [27] provision in Store, and but ten Battuex in at the time Gen¹ Burgoyn Received intelangance that Colo St Ledger had arived before and was Conducting his opperations against fort Stanwiks on the head of the mohak River, which is about 150 miles from Albany at Such a time he Saw it of the umoft Configuence for to make a Raped advance forward, but the want of provision, and the dificulty of keeping open a Communication with fort George from where he had for to bring it when he was further advanced maid him think of giting Suplyes from Some other place. he was Informed that the Americanes had large Store of provision Catle &C at Benington which lies between the forks of the Hofick river and not 20 miles Diftant from the N. River he acordingly laid a Scheme to Suprife the place and git the provision and Intrusted the expidition of it to German Lt Colo Baum. the force he took with him was 500 men and 2 peces of artillery. the whole army moved up the E. Shor of the N. River and Encamped nearly opfite to Saratoga, at the Same time throing a Bridge of Rafts acrost the River for the Detchment for to Crows over.

August 15 the American army left Still water and Retreeted to Van Scoiks Island. Gen¹ Burgoyne Detached Colo Breymans Corps Confisting of the Brumswik germands light Infintry an Chassurs, who were posted at battens hill, [28] in order if nessary to Support Baum.

But Buam was So long on his march that the Militia got fool infermation of his Defign, — and assembled So Strong, that he being Informed of their Strength took post near Santocke [Van Scoik's] mills, about 4 miles from benington and dispached an Express to the Gen¹ of his Situation Colo Brayman was ordered forward to Renforce him but the badness of the Rodes, Rendred much worse by the fall of a Rain, the weakning and living of his horses, Detaned him So that he from 8 in the morning of the 15th day August untill 4 in the afternoon of the next day before he Reached the place about 24 miles, and then was too late.

Gen¹ Stark who Commanded the Militia Benington Determined not to wait for the Junction of the two partyes. on the 16 he marched to atack Baum, where he was intrenched on Walloin [Walloomscoick] Creek, near the Mills on his approch, the provinchels that were with Baum, were overjoyed and informed their Colo that a great number of Loylist were Coming armed to joyn him, but they Soon found their mistake. they ware Severly attacked, their entrenchment forced, their Artellry taken most of the Indians and Some of the proventials made their Escape in the woods. the Colo was wounded, and with the Germans, and many more maid prisoners. Colo Brayman who it Seems had Recevided no inteligance of this action arived on the Same ground [29] about 4 oClock in the after noon, and was Immeaditaly Attacked on all Sides he maid a good Defence, but was obliged at last to give way and maik his Retreet as well as he Could which he Essected by the help of the night, but not with [out] loss of men and two peces of Artillry

The British annual Regester Says their loss in these two actions was 5 or 600 men most part prisoners. — Some other acounts Say much more.\(^1\)

Colo St Ledger had ben Some time Intrenched before fort Stanwax an upon hearing Gen\(^1\) Harkimore at the head of 8 or 900 troops of the Tryon County Militia,

hearing Gen<sup>1</sup> Harkimore at the head of 8 or 900 troops of the Tryon County Militia, was marching with a Convoy of provision for the Relif of the fort, he Detached Sir John Johnston with Some Regulars and the Savages to lie in Ambush in the woods and to intersept them in their march and what Seems unacountable the Gen<sup>1</sup> it is Said in a place where he might have expected danger with out any flanking partys, blindly plunged him Self in to the trap.

August 6 they were Sudently and Sevearly attacked by the British and Indians, and throen into the greatest Disorder their loos kild about 400 and about 200 prisoners who were afterwards Crully murdred by the Indins, who were much Enraged at the loos they had met with in this action. they had about 30 of their wareres killed and as many wounded. the British had many kild and wounded. [30] a nther Says the Gen¹ had not above 400 men with him, that he had timly warning of the attack and that he maid So good a Desence that the loss of the British exceeded the lofs he Sustanied.

on the Same day and it is Said in time of the action, the garrison having intelegence of the aproch of their friends, indevered to make a deversion in their faivour. -Colo Willet the Seond in Command made a Sally out, and did much misheff in the British Camp brought of Some Articales much wanted & Some prisoners and Returned with little or no lofs.

Afterwards he with one more officer posted through the Enemyes Camp, and maid their way 50 miles, through a pathaless wilderness in order to Raise the Country, and bring Relief to the fort.

Colo St Ledger found the fort Stronger and better Defended then he expected. he Sparied no paines in Summining it promising good quarters on Surendery, and thretning if they did not, if he Stormed it they Should Evry man be put to the Sword. and farther that Every woman and Child on the mohak River would be put to death by the Indines. but the Comm. Colo Gansseworth ansered that he had ben Intrusted with the Command of the fort by the United States of America, and that he was Determined to Defend it to the last extreamity. [31] the Indians began now to be very stubbern and Discontented, and as they heared Gen<sup>1</sup> Arnold was on his march for the relief of the fort, they Determined for to leve the Camp. the Colo for

<sup>1</sup> There were 930 British killed, wounded, and prisoners; 100 Americans killed, 100 wounded.

to Content them Called a Counfel but a part of them decamped, while the Counfel was Sitting. a Spedy Retreet was now thought the only way to Save themSelves. accordingly the 22th day of August, they Raised the Seige, and Left the Camp in Such confusion that the tents with most of the Stores and Artillery fell into the hands of the Enemy Garrason

the Indines behaved in Such a manner that by the Colos own acount it apperaed he wa as fraid of their Ravages as of the Americanes — it is Said they plundred all the officers and Solders they Could on the Retreet, and that a few miles from the Camp, they murdred and Striped many British Germans and Provenshals Solders who were not able to keep up with the main body, and while they behaved thus to the army their profsed friends the Distress of the Inhabitance that fell in their way Canmot be Described.

Gen<sup>1</sup> Arnold had ben Detached with 2000 men for the Relif of the fort and on the 24th two days after the Seige had ben Raifed, arived with 900 men whith which he had maid a force march, and if they had Staied till that time it is likely he would not have handled them very tenderly.

Gen¹ Burgoyne was at Still warter on the E. Side of the N River and with all his Industry in bringing [32] Stores from fort George he had now only about 30 day provision in Camp and other Stores — he now Resolved to Crows the N River with his army, which he did about the midle of September, and Encamped on the heights in the plains of Saratoga on the 9th Gen¹ Gates had advanced his army from Van Skoiks Island to Still water and on the 12th took porsesion of Bemans hights 3 miles above Still water.

Sep<sup>tr</sup> 19. on the 19th Gen<sup>1</sup> Burgoyn marched down in front of the American line, and put himfelf at the head of the British line on the Right, which wing was Covered by Gen<sup>1</sup> Frazer and Col<sup>o</sup> Brayman, with the granidears & light Infinterys of the army, and kept along Some heights, and were Covered by the Indins Provencals & Canadones in the front and flanks — — the left wing and Artillary under Major gen<sup>1s</sup> Phillips & Readhesel kept along the great Road and medows by the River Side.

The Americanes quckly took the allarem but not knowing the position of the British they Indevred to turn the Right wing, and take the line on the flank. But bing Disopinted Gen<sup>1</sup> Arnold bent his force on the left of the Same wing a most furious attack. the British was much Suprised at this most Daring attempt. however they Sustanied it from 3 oClock [33] in the afternoon till Sunset but if Gen<sup>1</sup> Phillips and Readhesel and part of the left wing had not Came to their Relife they must have suffered very much if not ben all taken. after they ware Supported from the left the action Continued untill dark, and the Americans Retreted to their Camp. —

Many were kild and wounded on boath Sides and litle advantage gained on either only only it Intirely disopinted the Indianes, whose zeal began now to Slacken as the methord of fiting was no way Suted to their disposition accordingly most of them Shortly left the Camp. a great desertion also prevaled amongst the Candans and British proventials, and the British army were Convinced they had now to grapple with an army that Culd fight without being under the Cover of walls fences hedges, &C

About this time Genl Burgoyne Received Intelagnce from Genl Clinton at N. York, of his Intention of Coming up the N. River to atack fort Montgomery, and Some other fortifications on the river. this was not all the afiftance Gen<sup>1</sup> Burgoyne had Expected. that at left it would have the Effect for to Divide Gen<sup>1</sup> Gates army, which was now too powerfull for him. he Immeaditly Sent off Dispaches to Gen<sup>1</sup> Clinton to let him know his Sutiation, Informing of [34] him he would indever for to hold his present Ground at left untill the 12th of october Presing him to put his Desine in Exicution Emeaditly and to give him all the assistance in his power. he Entrenched and fortified him Self acordingly and kept a Close watch on gen<sup>1</sup> Gates whose army was Still Increasing. whose army was Still Increasing

But in this Situation he Received the Diftrefsing Intelagence of a Division of the Militia of N. Hampshire and the head of Connecut [Connecticut] to Cut of his Communication from Canada, by Recovring the forts of Ticondroga and Mount Independance, and of becoming masters at least of St George

The Expidition was under the Derection of Gen! Lincoln, who had ben Sent by Gen! Gates for that Desine, and the Immediate Exicution of of it was Committed to

Col<sup>o</sup> Brown Jonston and Woodbridge. they Conducted the Expidition with Such Secrefy & adrefs, that September the 17th they Effuctly Suprifed all the out post between the landing place of lake george and the body of the fortreses of Ticondroga Mount Desience and Mount hoop. the french lines and a Block house with 200 Battuex one armed Sloop and Several Gun Bots were almost Instantly taken [35] fore Battuex one armed Sloop and Several Gun Bots were almost Instantly taken [35] fore [four] Companys of foot with nearly as many Canadanes, and many of the officers and Crews of Versels were maid prisoners, at the Same time Giving Relif to many Americanes prisoners who were Confined in those works. They then took the Cannon out of the armed Vessels they had taken, and burnt and Destroyed what they Could not Cary off and Returned back to Shensborow. In the beginning of October Gen¹ Burgoyne thought proper for to lessen the Solders Rations wating with great Impatiance to hear from Gen¹ Clinton, who had taken fort Montgomery on the 6th of this month, and had Sent of Dispatches to Gen¹ Burgoyne: but it doth not appear that any of them Reached him intime on the 8th he had Sent a Messege by one Tayler who had ben with him at fort Montgomery he was pileted by on Van blake an Inhabitant of Dutches County, and on their way they fell in with Some American troops, at New Winser who ware Cloathd in British Uneform, and Supposing them to be British, Expressed their Suprise to See them there Soo Soon, and asked which way they Could Come to be there as Soon or before them as they had left [36] them at fort Montgomery. they ware immeaditly Suspected. they Enquired if Gen¹ Clinton was there and upon being told he was they Desired to See him they ware Conducted to govener Clinton on which they Discovred their mistake and desired to withdraw but they ware Closley Examined during which time Tayler was observed by the Sergt that attended to hold his hankerchif to his mouth and to Swolow Sonthing. the govener being Informed of it ordered Docter Highbe to give him a Dose of tartre maick, which done he vometed up a Small Silver ball about the beignes of a Robens Egg.¹ it was Examined and found to open with a Screw and

<sup>1</sup> This silver ball is on exhibition at Independence Hall, Philadelphia, on the first floor of the southern

Contanied a Short letter from Gen¹ Clinton to Gen¹ Burgoyne. Informing him of his progrefs So far, but that it was out of his power to advance to his Relife, and advifing him to the best he Could. Tayler, who was Stobern and would not give the least intelegence but dared them to hang him: was accordingly hanged but Van blake who maid a full Confesion was Repreved.

Gen<sup>1</sup> Burgoyne had wated with full hopes of being Supported by Gen<sup>1</sup> Clinton, but as the times [37] alloted for his Comming was amost out, and no intalagence from him arived he was Detarmined to atack the american line

oct<sup>r</sup> 7. the 7th of october a Detachment of 1500 Regular troops, with two twelve pounders, and 6 Six pounders, were ordered to move Commanded by the Gen<sup>1</sup> in perfon, who was Seconed by Gen<sup>1</sup> Phillips Readhefl and Frazer. the guard of the Camp on the high grounds was Committed to Gen<sup>1</sup> Hambelton and Speiht, that of the Redouts and the plane near the River to Brig<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>1</sup> Goll.—

The British formed with in three quarters of a Mile of the Americans left, at the Same time Pushing on the on the irregular through bye ways to be a Check upon their Rear.

But this movement was timley discovered by Genl Gates, who with his Army was too atentive to their duty to Suffer them Selves to be Suprifed Gen<sup>1</sup> Gates did not wait not wait to be atacked, but ordered out a Detachment who maid a Sudant and Rapped atack on Majr Ackland who Commanded the British Granedears and was Posted to Support the left wing of the line, and I Extended the atack along the whole front of the Germands who were posted on the Right of the granidears that it become [38] become Impractibal with them to forme a second line to Suport the flank, which they had intended at the Same time he Detached a Strong body Round the flank of the Enemys Right in order to Cut of their Retreet to their Camp on which the British light Infintry and 24th Regt were throne into a Second line to oppose that attempt and to Cover the Retreet of the troop into Camp. — but at the Same time Gen<sup>1</sup> Gates Sent a Strong party to defide the action on the Enemys left, and forced them to give way. on which the lite Infintry and 24 Regt were obliged to alter their Movements in order to keep this wing from being Entierly Cut off. at this time Gen<sup>1</sup> frazer was mortilly wounded. Gen<sup>1</sup>s Phillips & Readhefel were ordered to Cover the Retreet. they ware hard and Clofly prefed into their lines, they loft 6 peaces of Cannon, and most of the atillary men, and horses belonging to them were Either killed or wounded

The British had just Entred their Camp, when their lines were Stormed in Different parts Gen<sup>1</sup> Arnold led on the attack, with his usal bravery, but in the Criticale moment of glory and danger, he was dangerously wounded, Just as he was got within the lines. this gave [39] Check to the attempt in that place, which after Some more Efforts was given up. But in another quarter Col<sup>o</sup> Brayman who Commanded

wing. I saw it there February 21, 1901. A curious corroboration of this story appeared in the New York Sun of August 18, 1901, from Chester, N. Y.

While constructing a railroad at Hurley's, N. Y., the laborers, on August 17, 1901, dug under an old tree known—no one remembered why—as the *Sty tree*. In their excavations they dug up a man's skeleton, and at once the title became clear,—some spy had been hung on its branches and the body buried as usual at its foot. Researches showed that the remains must have been those of this same British lieutenant, Daniel Taylor, above mentioned, who was captured October 16, 1777, tried by court-martial, and hung here October 18.

the German Referve, was killed and the lines Carried Sword in hand, the party Entirely Routed, with the lofs of their Baggage tents artillery &c and a post gained that gave an advantagous opning on the Right of the and Rear of the Enemys Camp. they attempted to Regain this post but were Repulsed

Many were killed on both Sides, and night only put an end to the Engagement. It was now imposible for the Enemy to keep their prefent ground with out Submiting to Certain Distruction the next day. accordingly they Improved the night in Changing the ground of the whole army and took post on heghts above the Hospitill.

oc<sup>br</sup> 8, 1777. But Gen¹ Gates knew the time Could not be far of that must throw them into his power, without Resking an action with them while So well posted. Skirmihing Continued and not with out loss on both Sides. on this day Gen¹ Lincoln was wounded in the leg, while he was Commanding a Strong party Sent out by Gen¹ Gates to turn the Enemys Right which would have Completly Sorounded them. but it Seems Gen¹ Burgoyne [40] Discovred their desine, and at 9 aClock at night moved his Camp Retreeting to Saratoga. a heavy Rain that night and the next day faivoured their Escape.

9<sup>th</sup>. the 9th the hospitil with the Sick and wounded fell into the hands of the Americanes. and Gen¹ Gates behaved with that attention and humanity to all those whome the fortan of war had thrown into his hands. Which the Enemy found it Dificult to pass the fords of the fish kills which lies to the N. of Saratoga, which were much hire by the fall of Rain, So that they did not Reach Saratoga, before the morning of the tenth, when they found a party of the Americanes, Entrenching on the heith who at there aproch retired over a ford of the N. River and Joined a Greater force, which was Statined there to pervent the passing of the army

No hops was now left to the Enemy but that of effecting a retreet to fort George, on their way to Canada. for this purpufe a detachment of artififers under a Strong Efcort were Sent forward to Repair the Bridges, and open the rods, to fort Edward. but they ware not long departed, when the Suddant aperiance of the Americans in Strong force on the oposite hights, with their aperant preprations [41] to pass the fish kills and bring on an immeadate Engagement maid it nesery to recol most of the Escort. the artifisers were atacked at the first Bridge, they under took to Repair, and their Guard Run and left them to Shift for them Selves.

The Americanes had now lined the opfite Shore of the N. River with troops, and a Continual fire was kept upon the Enemys Battux loaded with provision and neferys: many of them were taken. at length they found they Could only Save the Remander by landing and bringing it up the hill to the Camp, which was effected under a heavy fire with much Dificualty and Lofs.

The Enemy in this Deplorable Condition held a Counsel, when it was proposed as the only way of Escape, to make a forced march by Night, to fort Edward, 20 Miles and to force the fords, near the fort. the troops to Carrey their provision on their backs there being now no possibillity of Reparing the Roads, So as to Convay their Artilliry Stores &C

But they ware Soon Informed that this — [42] Last Resorce for a Retreet was Cut off as the Americans had Strongly Entrenched them Selves oppiset all these

fords, and had provided Artillery on all the Convenant heights between fort Edward and fort George.

The British armey was now Reduced to the last Extremity. Deserted by the Indins and most of the Canadons. many of their best officers lost, the number of their regular Effective fiting men Reduced to 3,500 (as they Say) and the rest much Dispirited and woren down by Continual fortigue and hard Duty. Surrounded three parts out of fore by a Suppearer force, who ware So nigh as to keep a Continual fire on them with Cannon grape & Rifel Shot, all possibility of retreet Cut of, and not above three days provision in the Camp, and no hops of Succour from Sir Henry Clinton.

oct<sup>r</sup> 13. 1777. In this Situation the 13th of october Gen<sup>1</sup> Burgo<sup>n</sup> Called a Gen<sup>1</sup> Counfel inviting not only the Gen<sup>1</sup> and field officers but Captains. [43] Commanding Corps or divisions, to be prefent. and it was the unanimos determination to open a treaty and Enter into a Convention with Gen<sup>1</sup> Gates, which was Concluded the 17th.

oct 17. The princible articals of the Convention were, the army Should march out of their Camp with all the honours of war, and its Camp Artillery, to a fixed peice of ground where they ware for to Deposit their armes, to be alloued a free Embarkation to Europe from Boston upon Condition of their not Serving again in America during the present war, the army not to be Seprated, the men from the officers, Roill Calling and other dutys of Regularity to be admitted, the officers to be admitted on parole, and to were their Side armes, all privit property to be Sacred, and the publik Delivred upon honour, no Baggage to be Serched or molested, all persons of whatsover Country appertaning to or following the Camp to be fully Comprehended in the terms of Capitulation, and the Canadans to Return to their own Country liable to its Conditions and bound by the Same [44] Aritcals of not Serving during the present Contest with America.

the third Article in Convention is as follows. Should any Carteal take place, by which the Army under Gen<sup>1</sup> Burgoyne, or any part of it, may by Exchanged, the forgoing Articles to be void as far as Such Exchange Shall be maid.

the articles to be void relates to their going to Europe &c A London Magizen makes the British loss in Gen¹ Burgoyns Armey killed, 2,000 Wounded 1126 prisoners 5,572.

The annual Regester for the year 77 [1777] Says the Americans State the whole number who laid down their Armes Including Canadans, provinchels vollintears Regulars and irregulars of all Sorts at 5752.

And the number of Sick and wounded left in the hospitils at the Retreet from Camp near Stillwarter to be 528 men and the loss of this armey besides in killed, wounded taken or deserted from the 6th of July to the time of the Convention to bee 2,933. 35 Brass pieces besides much more Artillery and Stores were taken

American acount makes the Amount to be [45] Six Genls Viz. Lt Genl Burgoyn Majr Genls Phillips and Readhefl, Brigrs Hambelton, Specht, and Another German Generel and 6 Members of parliment among the Staff prisoners. British officers and Solders, prisoners by Convention 2442 forners prisoners by Do 2198 Canadans Sent to Canada 1100 Sick 598 wounded 508, prisoners of war before the Convention 400 Deserters 300, Lost at Benington 1220 killed between Sept 19th and october the 17th

600 taken at Ticondroga 413 killed at Genl harkimores battle and at fort Stanoks 300 from a News paper Total, 1,0111

[46] A Vew of the British and American forces Operating in the middle Colonies in the years of 1776, 1777, and 1778:—as pr Joseph Galloway

Dates	British	Americanes	Superiority	
1776 August November December	24.000 26.000 27.700	16.000 4.500 3.300	8.000 22.400 24.400	
1777 March June ) July \ Septembr Decembr	27.000 30.000 30.000 30.000	4.500 8.000 16.000 10.500	22.500 22.500 14.000 19.500	N. B The troops in Canada, nova Scotia Rhode Island and St. Augasten are not Included
I778 Febuary ( March ( Apriel ) June (	29.500 29.500	4.500 8.500	25.000 21.000	

Wrote at FlatLand Long Island Novr 13th 1780 by Rufus Lincoln

[47]				Britiſh		A	American				
1777	day		kild	won d	prs	kild	won d	prss			
Octor	22	The Battle at Red Bank	400 B	В	В						
Novr	15	At Mud Island	300	52	84						
Decr	5	At Chefnut hill									
	10	Crofsing the Sound Colo Webb and party taken			,			A 68			
		Near a Bridge over Schuyl- kill with Gen. Petters Militia									
Decr	28	Between Darby & Schuykill						A 34			

				British American					
1778	day		klld	won d	prs	kild	wond	prss	
1778 January	20	Major Lee attacked by Major Gwin				A		A 6 A	
Feby	4	The British went up to Bristol				23		3 A	
	10	The British Suprifed a guard Near Frankford				_		9 A	
	19	The British Suprifed a guard at New Town Bucks County				A 2		33	
	24	The British took 130 Cattle & Some prisoners near the Croked Billet							
		Fort Kaskassais in the Iloneys Suprifed by Col Clark							
[ <b>48</b> ] Apl	5	the British Surprised a guard near Coopers fery				5		35	
May	30	A Skirmish at Cobus kill between Col <sup>o</sup> Brant with a party of 170 against 33 Americans				A		A	
		Lieutenant Maynard taken  Genl Leacy Suprifed by the British near the Croked Billit				19 A 10		3 A 50	
June	28	The Battle at Monmoth	B 245			69	A 143		
J		Gen <sup>1</sup> Sullivens Expidition on Rhods Iland							
Sepr	28	Col <sup>o</sup> Baylor Suprifed by Gen <sup>1</sup> Gray				A 50	A 30	A 40	
$\mathrm{Dec}^{\mathrm{r}}$	29	Savanah in Georga taken by the British	B 7	B 19				A 453	
1779 Jan <sup>y</sup>		Fort Morris at Sunbury in Georga taken by the British	В	B 3		A 3	A 6	A 203	
	24	Fort St Vincent in the Ilonays taken by Col <sup>o</sup> Clark & Som other Skirmiges there						A 128	
		Col Shelbys Expidition against the Indines				A 6			
	25	The atempt to Suprife Gen <sup>1</sup> Maxwell at Elezeboth Town			B 23	A 2		B 23	
March	3	A Skirmige at Brier Creek in George	B 5	В		B 150		B 200	

				British	1	A	meric	an
1779	day		kild	wond	prs	kild	wond	prss
	22	British prisoners taken from on board the Ship Mairmaid near Egg harbour			A 42			
$\mathrm{Apr}^{\mathrm{I}}$	7	British prisoners taken at Sea by Cap <sup>t</sup> Hopkins			A 76			
	12	An American Guard Suprifed at Little Ferry Jersey				B 2		B 13
[ <b>49</b> ] Apl	26	The British go over to middle- town Jersey	В	В			,	B 25
June	I	Fort De Lafayet taken by the British		В		B 3		A 61
	10	The British troops & Refeges went over to the Jersey Colo Hendrixson Wycuff among the prisoners						
July	I	An Expidition of the associated Refuges by warter to Connecut Commanded by Col <sup>o</sup> Winflow						
	20	The Action at Stono & Gen <sup>1</sup> provoft Expition against Charlstown	B 25	B 92		A 30	A 116	
July	16	Gen <sup>1</sup> Wayne Suprifed and took Stony point	A 64		A 543	A 15	A 83	
Augt	14	the Expidition Compleated at peonobScot	В 85	B 35				
		The Garason at powlers hook Surprised by Major Lee			A 155			
Sep <sup>t</sup>		Prifoners taken at Sea out of the Halifax fleet & Caried into pilidelphia			A 374			
Octr	9	Gen <sup>1</sup> Lincoln & Count D. Eaifling Repulfed at Savanah	B 40	B 63		B 1100		
1780 Jany	25	the British Suprised a Guard at Elezabeth Town						A 51
	27	the British Suprised a Guard at Ne ark Jersey			A 9			В 36
[ <b>50</b> ] Feb	3	The British Suprifed Lt Colo Thomson at the white plains	B 3	B 15		B 41		B 99
March	23	the British surprifed a Guard at Hopperstown Jersey						B 64
	29	A Skirmige on the Ogeechee River in Geor <sup>a</sup>	B 2			B 6		

				Britiſh	l	A	merica	an
1780	day		kild	wond	prs	kild	won d	prss
May	12	Charls town taken by the British Continentils 1568 prisoners as pr Genl Lincolns letter killed 86 wounded 140	B 76	B 189				B 5618
	29	Col <sup>o</sup> Bufort Suprifed by L <sup>t</sup> Col <sup>o</sup> Tarlton at Wafcaw Carlina	B 5	B 9		B 113		B 203
Augt	14	British officers taken at Sea in the pacquit	A 6					
	16	Gen <sup>l</sup> Gates Defeeted by Lord Cornw <sup>s</sup> at Camdn						
		Col <sup>o</sup> Sumpter Suprifed by L <sup>t</sup> Col <sup>o</sup> Tarlton near the hanging Rock A Skirmige Near Ninty Six	B 6	B 9		B 150		B 300

[Route of Captain Rufus Lincoln's Company from Taunton, Mass., to Fort Ticonderoga, N. Y.]

[51] Marched from Taunton	Westtown	Benington
for Ticondroga March	Ware	Shaffbourough
20 <sup>th</sup> 1777	Belcher	Allintown
Nortan	Hadley	Sunderland
Manffield	Northamton	Manchester
Rentham	Chesterfield	Dofet
Mendom	Wetherntown	Rhuport
Upton	Partrige field	Pollet
Graftown	Gage bourogh	Grandwell
Woster	New Providance	Skeenfborough
Lester	East hooseck	Ticondroga
Spencer	Williames town	Arived at Ticondroga
Brookfield	Powndwell	Apriel 6th 1777 1

[52] 1777 Retretted from Ticondroga July 6<sup>th</sup>

Arived at Fort Miller July 13th

Advanced to Mofes Creeik July 18th

Retreeted to Saratoga July 28th

Retreeted to Stillwater August th 2d

Retreeted to Van Schoiks Island August th 15d

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Massachusetts: Norton, Mansfield, Wrentham, Mendon, Upton, Grafton, Worcester, Leicester, Spencer, Brookfield, Weston, Ware, Belcher, Hadley, Northampton, Chesterfield, Worthington, Partridgefield, New Providence, East Hoosic, Williamstown.

Vermont: Pownal, Bennington, Shaftsbury, Arlington, Sunderland, Manchester, Dorset, Rupert, Pawlet, Granville. New York: Skeensborough, Ticonderoga.

Advanced up to Still Wauter Septembr th 9<sup>d</sup>

Advanced to Bemansheights Septr th 12

A Return of the kild wounded & missing the 19th Septr 1777 kild 2 Lt Cols 3 Capts 2 Subaltons 3 Sergts 2 Drum & fifers 51 Rank & file. Wounded 6 Capts:

15 Subaltons 13 Sergts 1 Drumer 182 Rank & file Missing 1 Capt 1 Sub. 7 Sergts 31 Rank & file

October 7th this day the last Battle was fought with Generel Burgoyne.

[53] October 10th followed Genl Burgoyn to Saratoga

Marched for Albony Octr th 18 day

Removed down the N. River to Ouemans overflow Octr 30

Went down to Kings Ferry November 7th

Marched from Kings Ferry Novr 13th

Arived at White Marsh [Valley Forge] Novr 22th

December 28th 1777 Taken prisoner Confined State house.1

January 4th Removed to the New Goal Philadelphia

Feby 17th Removed to the Golden Swan

March 18th Removed to the New Goal again

May 7th had my parole to Mrs Kindils house

May 12th took the Small pox

June 16th 1778 left Philadelphia

June 28th Arived at New York

[54] June 29th 1778 had my parole on Long Iland to live at Petrus Amerman flat land Township Kings Couty

November 4th 1780 Removed to Mrs Ida Strikers

January 25th 1781 Exchanged —

June 15th 1783 left the Encamptment at New Winsor on furlough.

Nov<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>th</sup> 1783 Discharged the Army by order of Congress. —

[55] Moved to Wareham Apriel 5-1799

[56] account of work Minor did for mrs Bump April 7th 1804 number of days eight

After his arrival at White Marsh (Valley Forge), Pa., he was employed, as he says, in building huts, but on December 28, 1777, he went on a scouting or foraging expedition with a squad of men; at Darby, now part of the city of Philadelphia, he was surprised and surrounded by a detachment of Hessians, under the command of an English officer. The only thing to do was to surrender, which was done, and on the way to the British camp Rufus Lincoln spoke sharply to a Hessian (who was abusing one of his men), when the Hessian made a lunge at him with his bayonet, striking him in the breast. Fortunately a book or papers saved Rufus Lincoln from injury. The Hessian was cut down by his commanding officer.

On his way from Philadelphia to Long Island, Rufus Lincoln was a "quest" of the notorious Jailer "Cunningham" at the New Gaol, or what was, until recently demolished for rapid transit purposes, the Hall of Records in the City Hall Park, New York; many officers and Americans of note died of sickness and neglect in this prison. The demolition of this ancient building was an act of vandalism, and it leaves but two buildings of note which were standing during the Revolutionary War, Fraunce's Tavern and the Morris Mansion, or

as it is better known, the Jumel Mansion.

Petrus Ammerman's house is still standing in Flatlands.

NOTE. It is difficult to tell the exact meaning of the initials in many cases; four men who are known to have escaped are marked R., which might mean Ran-a-way.

Column marked Evs. Evts. Ests. means the manner in which the prisoners were disposed of.

P. E. = Parole Exchanged
P. = Paroled

R. = Exchanged
R. = Ran away (?) or Released (?)
B. C. = Broke Cartel
Con! = Continental

M. = Militia
F. C. = Flying Camp
Marald = Maryland
Conn. Leaves = Connecticut Levies
Baylors Hors = Baylor's Horse
Vols or Vollens = Volunteers

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BOOK TWO

THIS book is oblong in shape (end fold), bound in paper covers, leaves 6 by 8 inches in size, but many pages are missing throughout the book.

It is interesting from the fact that it is the one in which Rufus Lincoln made the original entries of The Family Record, prior to those in the Family Bible.

At first it was evidently used as a Company Memorandum book, and later for personal matters. The writing beginning at both ends and reading towards the middle will explain the peculiar page numbers.

Another point of interest is the Massachusetts Captains List, and it was owing to the constant dispute among them as to seniority that the matter was thus finally settled.

Another matter of interest is the account of the celebration of the birth of the Dauphin of France, with the only known picture drawn by Rufus Lincoln.

From the number of entries of Resolutions of Congress relating to the army, it is supposed that Rufus Lincoln may have been one of the regimental writers or secretaries.

## DIARY NUMBER TWO

[Inside of Cover]

Names of the men in Capt Lincolns Company Who Received thir gaters June 17th 8

Serg<sup>t</sup> Tilley Hitchman
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[Fly leaf]

Capt Rufus Lincoln left Camp June 13th 1783 - Rufus Lincoln

## Memomndom Feby 26th 1785

[1] Rufus Lincoln was born Nov<sup>r</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1751

Lydia his Wife was born Feby 27th 1758

Drufilla Lincoln Daughter to Rufus & Lydia Lincoln was born Decr 10th 1783 on wendsday

Rufus Lincoln Son to Rufus & Lydia Lincoln, was born September 26<sup>th</sup> 1785—on Munday morning four A clock—

Bradford Lincoln Son to Rufus and Lydia Lincoln: was born July 5<sup>th</sup> 1787 on Thursday about Twelve OClock

Pruda Lincoln Daughter to Rufus and Lydia Lincoln, was born Apriel 18th 1790 on Sabaath day about Eleven OClock in the morning

Gamaliel Lincoln was born June the 20th 1792 on Wedensday

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[2] Granmother Coding Died Sept. (-----)

Granfather Lincoln Died March 22th 1761

My father Ichabod Lincoln Died Sept 26th 1768

Gran mother Lincoln Died July 31th 1769

Unkel Elisha Codding Died Sept 24th 1784

Minor S Lincoln was born September 5th 1794 on friday, twelve oClock

George Gilbert Lincoln Was born Febuary 20th 1798 on Tusday about five oclock in the after knoon

Lydia Lincoln Was born Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 1800 on Tusday about 6 oclock in the after knoon

Spencer Leonard & Drufilla Lincoln was married April 15th 1804

[3] The prices of Provision and and other Stores which are drawn by the officers of the Army from Mr Sands and Company Contractors —— Feby 7 1782

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[5] Taunton May 24th 1794

Recd of Rufus Lincoln one of the Slectmen three Quarters of pound of powder & twenty four Bullets

Elijah + Vickery

Taunton Sept 6th 1794

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Taunton May 4<sup>th</sup> 1795 Rec<sup>d</sup> of Rufus Lincoln one of the Slectmen three Quarters of a pound of powder & twenty four Balls pr Afa Stephens.

[6] February 23<sup>h</sup> 1804 the Great Snow began to fall

Head Quarters Newburgh 2d May 1782

[7] The folloing Arrangment of the Captains in the Massachusets Line being fixed by a board of General and field officers duly authorised is approved of by the Commander in Chief and it is to be considered as Conclusive—

No	Captains Names	Regt	Dates of Commissions —
I	Noah Allen	I	16 <sup>th</sup> Oct <sup>r</sup> 1776
2	Isaac Pope	4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Jany 1777
3	Samuel Carr	8th	Do
	Seth Drew	2	Do
4	Silvanas Smith	5 <sup>th</sup>	Do
6	John Burnham	8th	Do
4 5 6 7 8	Nath <sup>1</sup> Cushing	I th	Do
8	Japheth Daniels	6 <sup>th</sup>	Do
9	Nath <sup>l</sup> Goodail	5 <sup>th</sup>	Do
10	Asa Coburn	7 <sup>th</sup>	Do
ΙΙ	Daniel Pilsbury	6 <sup>th</sup>	Do
12	George Weeb	4 <sup>th</sup>	Do
13	Judah Alden	2 <sup>d</sup>	Do
14	Luke Day	7 <sup>th</sup>	Do
15	Hafield White	5 <sup>th</sup>	Do
[8] 16	Joseph Williames	3	Do
17	Joshua Benson	5 <sup>th</sup>	Do
18	Job Sumner	3 <sup>d</sup>	Do
19	Amos Cogswell	8th	Do
20	Jerimiah Miller	I th	Do
21	Čris <sup>tr</sup> Marshall	IOth	Do
22	Nathan Dix	8th	1 <sup>st</sup> March 1777
23	John Blanchard	9 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup> March 1777
24	William North	Oth	10th May Do
25	John Hasting	Oth	25 <sup>th</sup> May Do
26	Joseph Fox	9 <sup>th</sup>	23 <sup>th</sup> June Do
27	Luther Baly	2 <sup>d</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> July Do
28	John Williames	I th	II <sup>th</sup> Aug <sup>t</sup> Do
29	John K. Smith	6 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup> Feby 1778
30	Simon Larned	4 <sup>th</sup>	20th March Do
31	Seth Banister	4 <sup>th</sup>	ı <sup>st</sup> April Do
32	Elathan Haskall	4 <sup>th</sup>	ı <sup>st</sup> April Do
33	James Tisdal	3 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>d</sup> May Do
34	Stephen Abbot	IOth	28 <sup>th</sup> May Do
35	Abraham Williames	2 <sup>d</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup> Sept Do
36	Adam Baley	2 <sup>d</sup>	1st Nov <sup>r</sup> Do
37	Thomas Hunt	9 <sup>th</sup>	1st March 1779
38	Ebnezer Smith	6 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup> March Do
39	Henry Sewill	2 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> April Do
40	Benj <sup>m</sup> Haywood	6th	1 <sup>st</sup> April Do

## Rank of Captains Continued

No	Names	Regt	Date of Commission
50]	Cl. int Was albuilded	6 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>th</sup> April 1779
[9] 41	Christ Woodbridge	5 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup> April Do
42	Phinehas Bowman	9 <sup>th</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup> Apr <sup>l</sup> Do
43	Thos Turner	I st	3 <sup>th</sup> May Do
44	John Mills	4 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup> June Do
45	William More	2 <sup>d</sup>	21 <sup>th</sup> June Do
46	Robart Bradford	5 <sup>th</sup>	28th June Do
47	Michal J. Houdin	7 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> July Do
48	John Pray	2 <sup>d</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> July Do
49	James Mains	9 <sup>th</sup>	Do Do Do
50	Robart Walker	9 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup> July Do
51	William Watson	8th	Do Do Do
52	Thos Hartshorn	8th	
53	William Story	7 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup> Aug <sup>t</sup> Do 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct <sup>r</sup> Do
54	Joseph Bates	6th	11th Nov <sup>r</sup> Do
55	Mathew Chambers	8th	5 <sup>th</sup> Dec <sup>r</sup> Do
56	Silas Perce	IOth	18 <sup>th</sup> March 1780
57	Thos Frances	IOth	Do Do Do
58	Daniel Lunt		24 <sup>th</sup> March Do
59	Thos Prichard	3 <sup>d</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup> April Do
60	Rufus Lincoln	7 <sup>th</sup> 6 <sup>th</sup>	Do Do Do
61	Mafon Wotels	6th	Do Do Do
62	Peter Cloyes	4 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup> April Do
[ <b>10</b> ] 63	David Holbrook	4 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup> Do Do
64	John Fullar	8th	12 <sup>th</sup> May Do
65	Abner Wade	3 <sup>d</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup> Do Do
66	John Fowls	I th	30 <sup>th</sup> Augt Do
67 68	Frances Green	7 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup> Sept Do
	Eliphlet Thorp	7 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Oct <sup>r</sup> Do
69	Zebulon King. Jonathan Turner	IO <sup>th</sup>	[—] Do Do
70	Ebnezer Smith	8 <sup>th</sup>	6th Octr Do
7 I	Joseph Killam	5 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup> Do Do
72	Timothy Remick	Ith	Do Do Do
73	Benj <sup>m</sup> Pike	6 <sup>th</sup>	16th Octr Do
74	John Trotter	5 <sup>th</sup>	18th Do Do
75 76	Nehemiah Emerfon	IOth	27 <sup>th</sup> Do Do
	Othniel Tayler	IOth	30 <sup>th</sup> Do Do
77 78	James Buxton	IOth	Ith Jany 1781
	Jonathan Maynord	7th	25 <sup>th</sup> Do Do
79 80	Daniel Lee	3 <sup>d</sup>	Ith Feby Do
18	Jonathan Stone	5 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup> April Do
82	William Mills	7 <sup>th</sup>	11th May Do
83	Simon Lord	2 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup> Do Do
84	John Hobby	3 <sup>d</sup>	20th July Do
85	Samuel Henly	9 <sup>th</sup>	9th Augt Do
86	Jonathan Felt	7 <sup>th</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup> Octbr Do
87	Walter Dean	IOth	
88	Jefse Holister	I th	
89	Caleb Clap	4 <sup>th</sup>	
90	Simon Jackson	3ª	

[11] Resolutions of Congress making provision or allowances to wounded Super numeary or other officers of the American army under various contingences Viz

August 26th 1776

Where as in the course of the Present War, Some Commissoned and non Cominissoned officers at the Army & navy, as also private Solders mariens and Seaman may loose a limb or be otherwis disabled to as to prevent their Serving in the Army or navy or gitting their livliwhod and may Stand in need of Relief.

Refolved that every Commissoned officer non Commissoned officer and Privat Solder who Shall loose a limb in any Engagement or be So disabled in the Service of the United States of America as to render him incapable afterward of getting a livliwhod Shall receive during his life or the continuance of Such disobility [12] the one half of his monthly Pay from and after the time that his Pay as an offier or Soldier ceases to be paid by the Committie as hear after mentioned.

That every Commander of any Ship of War or armed Vefsels Commifsoned officer warrant officer marine or Seman belonging to the United States of America who Shall loofe a Limb in any Engagement in which no prize Shall be taken or be there in otherwise So disabled as to render him incapable of gitting a livlewhood Shall receive during his life or the continuance of Such disabolity, the one half of his monthly Pay from & after the time that his Pay as an officer or marine or Seaman ceafes to be paid, as hearafter mentioned but in case a prize Shall be taken at the time Such lofs of limb or other disability Shall happen then Such Sums as he may Receive out of the neat profits of Such Prise before a dividend is maid of the Same — [13] agreeable to former orders of Congress Shall be Considered as part of his half Pay and computed accordingly

That every Commissoned officer Non Commissoned officer and privit Solder in the army and every Commanding Commissoned officer Warrant officer marine or Seman of any of the Ships of war or armed Vessels belonging to the United States of America who Shall be wounded in any Engagement So as to be rendered incapable of Serving in the army or navy thou not totally disabled from gitting a livliwhood Shall receive Such monthly Sumes as Shall be Judged adequeate by the assembly or other Representive body of the State where he belongs or resides upon application to them for that purpose Provided the Same do not exceed his half pay — Provided that no Commissoned officer non Commissoned officer and privat Solder in the army, Commander Commissoned officer warrant officer Marine or Seman of any of the Ships of War or armed Vessels blonging [14] Such half pay, or other allowances as shall be audged due to the Persons afforsaid on account of the United States. —

Provided that all Such officers and Solders that may be intitled to the afforfaid penfions and are found to be Carpable of doing guard or Garrison Duty Shall be formd into a Corps of Invilieds and Subject to the Said duty and all officers marines and Seamon of the navy who Shall be intitled to the pension a forefaid and Shall be found capable of doing any duty on board the navy or any department there of Shall be liable to be So employed

Ordred that the above be published

[15] September 16th 1776 — Congress then took into confideration the report of the board of war and the ammendment offired by the Committee of the Whole and therupon came to the following resolutions. (among others) viz

That Congress make provision for Granting Lands in the following proportions to officers and Solders who Shall Engage in the Service, and continue their in to the close of the war or untill discharged by Congress and to the representatives of Such officers and Solders as Shall be Slain by the Enemy.

Such Lands to be provided by the United States and what ever expence Shall be necessary to procure Such Lands, the [16] Said Expence Shall be paid and borne by the States in the Same proption as the other expences of the War viz

To a Colonel — — — — 500 acres
To Lieutenant Colonel — — — 450
To a Major — — — — — 400
To a Captain — — — — — 300
To a Lieutenant — — — — 200
To an Ensign — — — — — 150
Each non Commissioned officer & Solder 100 acers

September 20<sup>th</sup> 1776. — In order to prevent the officers and Solders who Shall be entitled to Lands hereafter to be granted by the refilution of Congress of the 16<sup>th</sup> from disposing of the Same during the war:

Refolved that Congress will not grant Lands to any person or persons Claming [17] under the assignment of an officer or Solders

May 15<sup>th</sup> 1778 — Congress resumed the consideration of the report of the Comitte of the whole, on an allowance to be made to officers after the war, and on revision an amendment being admitted by general consent, a Question was put to agree to the whole as amended.

Whereupon Refolved unanimosly That all military officers Commissined by Congress who now are or hereafter may be in the Service of the United States, and Shall continue their in during the war, and not hold any office of profit under the United States, or any of them, Shall after the conclusion of the war be entitled to receive annually for the term of Seven years if they live so long one half of the present pay of Such officers provided that no general officer of the [18] Cavarly Artillery, or Infantry, Shall be entitled to receive more then one half part of the Pay of a Colo of Such Corps respectively and provided that this resolution Shall not extend to any officer in the Service of the United States, unless he Shall have taken an oath of allegiance to and shall actually reside with in Some one of the United States.

Refolved Unanimously That every non Commissiond millitary officer and Solder who hath inlifted or Shall inlift into the Service of the united States for and during the war, and Shall continue theirin to the end thereoff Shall be intitled to receive the further reward of eighty Dollars at the expiration of the war.

November 24<sup>th</sup> 1778 Congress took in to consideration the report [19] of the Committe of Arrangment, and there upon (among others) came to the following resolutions viz.

Wheras from the alteration of the Estabilishments and other causes many valu-

able officers have been and may be omitted in the new arrangment, being Super numerary, who from their Conduct and other Servicies are entitled to the honourable notice of Congress, and to a Suitable provision until they can return to civile life with advantage:

Refolved therefore that Congress gratefully acknowledges the faithfull Services of Such officers, and that all Supernumerary officers be entitled to one years pay of their Commission respectively, to be computed from the time Such officer had leave of absence from the Commander [20] in Chief on this account, and Congress do earnestly recomend to the Seviral States to which Such officers belonges to make Such further provision for them as their respective circumstances and merit may entitle them to

August 17<sup>th</sup>, 1779. Congress proceeded to the consideration of the report on a further provision for the Army, and ther upon came to the following Resolutions:—

Refolved that the consideration of that part of the report for extending the half pay be postponed.

Wheres the army of the United States of America have by there patriotifm valour, and perfeverance in the defence of the rights and liberties of there Country [21] become entitled to the gratitude as well as the Approbation of their fellow Citizens—

Refolved that it be and it is hereby recomended to the Several States that have not adopted measures for that purpose to make Such further provision for the officers, and for the Solders inlifted for the war, to them respectivly belonging who shall continue in Service till the Establishment of Peace, as shall be an adquat Compensation for the many dangers losses and hardships they have Suffired, and been exposed to in the course of the present contest either by granting to their officers half Pay for life, and proper rewards to the Solders, or in Such other manner as may oppear most expidant to the Legistives of the Seviral States. —

[22] Refolved that it be and hearby is recomended to the Several States to make Such provission for the widows of Such of their officers and Such of their Solders inlifted for the war as have died, or may die in the Service, as Shall Secure to them the Sweets of that liberty for the attainment of which their husbands had nobly laid down their lives.

Fanuary 24<sup>th</sup>, 1780. Congress proceeded to the consideration of the raports of the Committe on the letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> of November last from General Washington when (after) a motion was maid &c. and a division called for &c.

[23] Refolved that for the ensuing Campaign the Seviral States be requirred to furnish by draughts or otherwise on or before the first day of April next the deficincaes of their respective quatos of Eighty Battalions of Infantry as appropriated by a resolution of Congress of the ninth of March 1779:—

That the non Commissond officers and Solders are or may be Inlifted in the Seviral Military Corps of the army not included in the Said Eighty Battalions be confidred as part of the Said quotas and credited to the States to which Such officers and Solders respectively do or may belong

[24] That from and after the first day of August 1780 the Army Shall be entitled to receive their pay as Stated before the first day of January 1777 in the new bills emitted perfuant to the refolutions of Congress of the 18th of March last, that

the officers Shall heareafter be allowed five Dollars per month in the Said new bills for each retaind ration:

That the board of war be derected to report to Congress a lift of the officers not belonging to the Quota of any State, with an account of the ballances due to each, to make their pay good for past Serviaces agreeable to a resolution of Congress of the tenth of April last.

[25] That Such of the States as have not made compensation to their officers and Solders, agreeable to the recommendation of Augt 17<sup>th</sup> 1779, be and they are hereby requested to do it as Soon as possible,

That the provision for granting Lands by the resolution of September 16<sup>th</sup> 1776 be and hereby is extended to the General Officers in the following proportion:

To a major General one thousand one Hundred acres. A Brigadier General eight hundred and fifty acres that the officers of the armey be furnished as Soon as possible with two months pay on account to relieve their Present wants mentioned in their memoral.

[26] August 12<sup>th</sup>, 1780. Congress Took into consideration the report of the Comitte on the memorial of the General Officers whereupon —

Refolved That the Said General Officers be informed that Congress have at no time been unminfull of the militery virtues which have distingushed the Army of the United States through the course of this war, and that it has been constantly one of the principale objects of there care not only to provide for the health and Comfort of the Army but to gratify their reasonable desires as far as the publick exigances would admit.

That patience Self-denial fortitude, and perfeverance and the cheerfull Sacrifics of time and health are necessary virtues [27] which both the Citizen and Solder are called to excerise while Struggling for the libertes of their Country: and that moraderation frugality temprance must be among the cheif Supportser as well as the brightest orniments of that kind of civil Government which is wifely Instituated by the Seviral States in this Union.

That it has been recomended to the Several States to make Compensation for the officers and Solders to them respectively belonging, for the depreciation of their Pay: and that Congress will ttake Speedy measures for Liquidating, and paying what is due on that account, to the officers and Solders who do not belong to the Quota of any State.

[28] August 24<sup>th</sup> 1780. Congress took in to confideration the report of the Comittee on the memorial of the General officers and therupon.

Refolved that the officers of the line of the army Commanding Corps when in Camp, be alloued to draw So many of the rations of provision heretofore with held as the Commander in Cheif or the Comander of a Seprate armey Shall Judge necessary, but that no provision be ifsued for back rations not drawn on the days they became due, That if it Shall appear that the Subfistance money, alloued to the officers in lue of the rations with held is not equal to the cost [29] Cost of the rations, the deficiency Shall hereafter be maid up to them

That the resolutions of the 15 day of May 1778 granting half pay for Seven years to the officer of the army who Shall entinue in Service to the end of war, be

extended to the widows of those officers who have died, or Shall hereafter die in the Service to commince from the time of Such officers death, and continue for the term of Seven years, or if their be no widow or in case of her death or intermarriage the Said half pay be givin to the orphan Children of the officers dying as aforsaid if he Shall have left any and that it be recomended to the legislitives of the respective States to which Such officers belongs to make [30] provision for paying the Same on Account of the United States.—

That the reftricting clause in the refolution of the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 1778 granting half pay to the officers for Seven years expressed in these words viz "and not holding any offic of profit under these States or any of them" be and hearby is repaled.

October 3<sup>d</sup> 1780. Congress taking in to consideration the report of the Committee on the Letters from General Washington (among other things) resolved

Where as by the forgoing arrangement many deferving officers must become Supernumerary, and it is proper [31] Proper that regard be had to them:

Refolved that from the time the reform of the Army takes Place they be entitled to half pay for Seven years in Specie or other Currant money equivalent and also grants of Land at the close of the War agreeable to the refolution of the 16<sup>th</sup> of September 1776.

Ordered that a Coppy of the forgoing arangment of the army be Sent to the Commander in Cheif for his oppinion thereon: and that if there Shall appear no material objection the Same be Carried into immediate effect:

October 21<sup>th</sup> 1780. Congress resumed the Consideration of the report of the Committe on General [32] Washington<sup>s</sup> letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> when a motion was made by M<sup>r</sup> Duane Seconded by M<sup>r</sup> Sullivan, to add to the report the following resolution "That the officers who Shall continue in Service to the end of the war, Shall also be entitled to half pay during life to commence from the tim of their reduction" and

Refolved among other things, That the Commander in Cheif and the Commanding offecer in the Southarn Department, derect the officers of each State to meet and agree upon the officers for the regiments to be raifed by there respective States from those who incline to continue in Service "and where it cannot be done by agreement to be determined by Seniority and make return of those who are to remain, which [33] which is to be transmitted to Congress together with the names of the officers reduced who are to be allowed halp pay for life.

That the officers who Shall continue in the Service to the end of the war, Shall also be entitled to half pay during life to Commince from the time of there reduction:

November 28<sup>th</sup> 1780. Some doubts having arisen in the minds of the General officers, whether the resolution of the 21<sup>st</sup> of October last granting half pay for life to the officers who Shall remain in Service to the end of the war, was ment to extend to them

[34] Refolved that the Said half pay for life be Extended to all Major Generals and Brigadiers General, who Shall continue in Service to the end of the war.

That the resolution of the 21st of October was So ment and intended.

HEAD QUARTERS NEWBURGH Oct 30th 1782.

The honouarable the Congress have been pleased to pass the following act. By the United States &c August 7<sup>th</sup> 1782. Resolved

That the Secerctry at war on or before the 1st day of January next cause [35] the non Commissoned officers and Solders belonging to the lines of the respective States, including Solders Prisoners with the Enemy.. to be aranged in Such a manner as to form Compleat Regiments agreeable to the act of Congress of the 3d and 21 of october 1780, or Regiments not less than five hundred rank and file . . . as circumstances, and the good of the Service, in his Judgment may require. that for the purpose the Juniour Regiments Shall be draughted to fill the Sienour Regiments. and the Surpluce Should any remain after Such draughts Shall be formed in to a Compleat Company or Companyes, as near as may [36] be according to the Sd establishments with proper allouances of field officers to two or more Companyes. the Said Regiments and Compaynes Shall be commanded by officers belonging to the respective States to which the non commissone officers and privats So aranged Shall belong.

Refolved That the commander in Chief and Commanding officers of the Southern army direct the officers of each State line respectively, to meeat togeather and agree and determine upon the officers who Shall remain in Service to Command the troops as a forfaid provided where it cannot be done by vollentry agreement the Juner officers of each grade Shall retire So as to leave Compleat corps [37] of officers in propotion of the number of men, and to be adjusted upon the principalls of the acts of the 3d & 21 of october 1780, and the 5th refuliton of the act passed the 23d day of April 1782. Resolved that the Commander in Cheif and Commanding officer of the Southern army as Soon as the Said arangement Shall have taken place transmit to Congress a list of officers whome they may deem proper to be employed in the Several Staff departments and other necessary duties in the army to be taken from the list of retiring officers, and being approved of by Congress — and accepting Such appointment [38] Such officers Shall retain their rank in the army with the Pay and emoliments thereto anexed, Refolved that the officers retiring under the foregoing resolutions and not employed in the Staff departments as aforsaid, Shall untill Called in to Service with their proper Commands be intitled to all the emoluments to which the officers are intitled, who retired under the resolutions of the 3d & 21st of october 1780.

That the said officers Shall retain their rank in the armey and be Called in to the Service from time to time according to Seniority in case of deficinces of officers upon the principales of the forgoings refolutiones Refolved that in aranging the non Commissioned officers [39] and privats of the armey each State Shall be credited for all the men except deferters or Such as Shall have died, who Shall have been duly mustred to Serve during the war or 3 years in Compliance of the refolutions of Congress of the 3<sup>d</sup> day of october 1780 " or the 10 day of December 1781

Refolved that the preceding arangment Shall take Effect on the 1<sup>d</sup> day of January 1783; and that Copies therof be immeaditly transmitted by the Sectary at war to the exceutive authority of the respective States.

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HEAD QUARTERS NEWBURG, 30th July, 1782.

The honorable the Congress have been plasd to pass the folloing resolves.

By the united States in Congress assembled

April 23<sup>d</sup> 1782 —

Where as the most strict acconemy in the publick Expenditures is abfoulutly nesseary for a vigrous prosicution of the war, and where as to that end it is requesiet to discontinue the practise of filling Some of the places of the Staff department with persons not of the line of the army, which places may with great Saving to the publick, be filled with Supernumry officers from the line, Resolved therefore, that in [41] in futer there be only ten Lieutanants in each Regiment of Infantry, to be employed in the Regemants line and Staff, the Regimantal Paymaster to be Considred not attached to any Company. That the Supernumary Juner Lieutanants beyond the number of ten in each Regiment of Infantry be reduced, unless the officers of the Regiment Shall otherwise agree as to those who Shall retire according to the resolutions of october 3<sup>d</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 1780. And Shall accordingly be returnd on or before the 1st of June next if in the main army, and the 1st of July Next in the Southern army except Such of them as Shall axcept of empleyments in the Staff departments, with the approbation of the heads of the respective [42] departments in which case they shall Sevearly retain their respetive ranks in the line, and be intitled to the full pay and Subsistance belonging to their rank in the line as a compensation for their respective Servises in the Staff, with out any other allowances whatsover, provided always that nothing contained in the above resolutions Shall efect the pay or rank of any officer in Captivity, during Such Captivity —

In Congresss July 11th 1782, Resolved that the Juner Lieutanants who were to retire agreeable to the act of Congress of the 23d of April last may at their option be retained in the present pay and rank as far as there is Ensigns in their present Corps vacant

[43] \* The honouarable the Congress have been Pleased to pass the following resolves

By the United States in Congress assembled Nov 20th 1782

Refolved That Commission issue on promotions properly certifyed for all Regimental officers intitled to fill vacancies occaioned by Seinor officers retiring agreable to the resolve of the 19<sup>th</sup> instant any resolution of Congress hereof to the Contarcy notwithstanding

[44] \*The honorable the Congress of the united States having been pleased to pass the folloing resolves Confirming the explanation given by the Secerturty at war of the 4 Section of the resolve of the 7<sup>th</sup> of Augt last, published in the after order of the 30th of Octr and making an addition to the Number of Subaltans allowed by the resolve of the 7<sup>th</sup> of August the same is to be observed in Compleating the arrangment of the Cunnecut and Massachusetts lines.

By the united States in Congress assembled Novr 19th 1782

on the report of the Committe to whome was refard, the report of a Committe on the letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> of oct<sup>r</sup> from the Secetery at war [45] Resolved, That the Senior officers of each grade Sufficient to form Corps agreable to the act of the

7<sup>th</sup> of August last (the Regiments to have their Compliment of officers as established in the act of the 3<sup>d</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of October 1780 except as to the then in proposed Supernumeres Subaltan for receiving recrutes who Shall be omited) Shall be retained in Service for the Command of the Said Corps, and the reduced Juner officers of the Several grades Shall retire from immeaditate Service agreeable to the Said first resited act, but the Said juner officers So retiring Shall retain their rank in the army and be liable and intitled to be Called in to actual Service only when Regiments or Corps Shall be raised for them by their respetive States

The diary pages are numbered consecutively, but at this point the writer reversed his book and wrote towards the middle, thus reversing his page numbers.

[Inside of back Cover]

Capt Rufus Lincoln ——
Capt Rufus Lincolns Book
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190 — 4
June 13<sup>th</sup> 1782

[67] Feby the 1th 1782. Received from M<sup>r</sup> Sands twenty Pounds of bread twenty Pounds of beef one Quart of Salt & one Pound of Soap

R. Lincoln Capt

Mess Account with Capt. Bates & Brimhall

April 20th 82

to two Pounds & 10d ozs of Chees 2/9d

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To the united States in Congress ass

[66] A List of Capt Lincolns Comy May 4th [17]82

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Sarg <sup>t</sup> Peres Simmons Do Samuel Tilley	Present	Comd VB. Point [Verplanks Point]
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Benj <sup>m</sup> Perry	Do	
Sebre Simmons	Do	
Samuel Dale		Colo Brooks
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Edmond Cafey		Comd N. Winsor
George Rofs		Comd VB. Point
Ebnezer Demafgue	Do	
Elijah Bruce x	$D_0$	

Mens Names	Present	Absent
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Jofeph Bates John Hutchens Nathan Fuller		Ferry Guard
William Biglow Shubal Baley Joel Suckermug		Larbitary
Jefse Atwood Benj <sup>m</sup> Stephens Noah Eaton		Taylor
Solomon Goodail x Cefer Perry Fraderick Barney Solsbury Hitchman Prince Soward Mirick Willson Nat Johnfton x John Barrows Caleb Wood John Kimbil		Servt Gen <sup>1</sup> Hand — Fortague Com <sup>d</sup> V.B. Point Serv <sup>t</sup> Maj <sup>r</sup> Darby Serv <sup>t</sup> Gen <sup>1</sup> Glover  Sick at Trintown Sick Present
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[63] Febuary 11th 1783. Then was married Rufus Lincoln to Lydia Sprauge and moved to live togeather Oct<sup>1</sup> the 14th 1783

Capt. Rufus Lincoln Left the Camp at New Winsor June 15<sup>th</sup> 1783 — and was Dismist the 3<sup>d</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup> 1783

[62] Apriel 9<sup>th</sup> 1798 Moved from Taunton to Norton to live on a farm of George Leonards Efq<sup>r</sup>

April 2th 1799 Moved from Norton to Wareham

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May 4<sup>th</sup> 1784, Sold A hors to Cap<sup>t</sup> Gedon Williames for 13 — 10 — 0

May 10<sup>th</sup> bought A Cow of Cap<sup>t</sup> Rufus Barney price £5 — 2 — 0 —

May 12<sup>th</sup> bought A Cow of Nathan Britton price £4 — 19 —

May 13<sup>th</sup> Sold A Cow to Paul Pratt for £4 — 19 —

[60] W. Point — Friday 31st of May 1782 Was Silebrated the birth of the Dauphin of France our elueftrous ally.. an elegant Entertanment was Provided by the Publick at the Colonad, Where Was assembled the officers of the Army, and a number of Gentelmen and Lades from the Country After diner the following toasts were drank

1st Long life Happiness & Glory to the Dauphin of France

2<sup>d</sup> United States in Congress

3<sup>d</sup> His Most Christan Majesty

4th the Queen & Royal Family of France

5th His Catholick Majesty and the friendly Powers of Europe

6th Count Rochambeau & the French Army

7th The American Soldiery

8d the Allied fleets and Count Degrafs

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[59] 10th the American Menesters at home & abroad

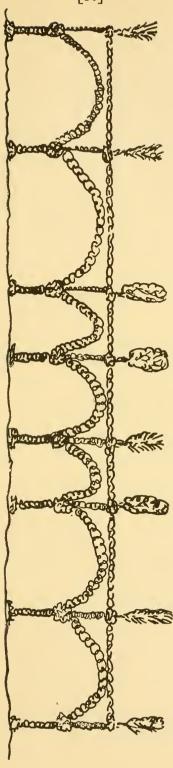
IIth Perputal duration to the Alliance of France and America

12<sup>th</sup> A new edge to our Swords untill they have opned the way to Independance freedom & Glory, and then may they be Converted to insteruments of Peace

13th May the independance of America give Peace to the World

The officers reparied to their resptive Regt<sup>s</sup>, at Sunsett at 8 oclock the Signals was givin for firing the fudijoy, which Comminced by firing 13<sup>th</sup> Cannan at the Park, then the runing fire through the line begining on the right the firing went through three times, at this time the Colanade was eluminated with 6 or 7 hundred Candels and a ball opned in the Colanade where the Gentelmen and Lades danced while the Sky Rockets were flying in the air all which made a very briliant appearance, the ceremony ended all in good order

[58] The reserve for the present to consist of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Connecticut and 3<sup>d</sup> Mass Brigades Commanded as above. they are to encamp when the ground will admit of it two hundred pases in rear of the line, The park of artillery with the corps of Sapers & miners (on their left) between the two brigades which Compose the referve. When the reserve for want of deppth of ground is obliged to incamp in the center of the line, the Park & Corps of Sapers & miners will do the Same The Light infantry and Sheldons legion will have no particular place assign<sup>d</sup> them in the general order of incampment or in the order of battle, the orders of the General will Point theirs out accordingly



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See the address to Congress from the Army, for the opening of this address, page 119.

[55] In this exegene we apply to Congress four releaf as our head and Soveringe. To prove that our hardships are exceedingly disproportioned to them of any other Citizens of America, let a recurrances be had to the pay masters accompts for four years past. if to this it Should be objected that the respective States have made settelments, and given Secueritis for the pay due for part of that time, let the present value of those nominal obligations be ascertained by the monied men, and they will be found to be worth little indeed, and yet, triffiling as they are many have been under the Sad nessciety of parting with them, to prevent their families from actually Starving. We complain that Shadowes have been offered to us while the Substance has been gleaned by every person bearing the mark of civil authority throughout the united States, our Situation Compels us to Search for the cause of our [54] extream poverity. The Citizens murmur at the greatness of their taxes, and are astonished that no part reaches the army

The numerous demands which are between the first Collecters and the Soldery Swollows up the whole.

our distrefses are now brought to a point. we have boarn all that men can bear, our property is expended our privat recourses are at an End and our friends are wearied out disgusted with our incefsent applycations. We therefore most Seriously and earnistly urge that a Supply of money be forwared to the army as Soon as possiable.

The uneasiness of the Solders for want of pay is great and dangirous any further expiriments on their paitance may have fatal effects.

The promised Subfistance or rations of [53] provisions consisting of certain articales Spesified in kind and Quantity.

This Ration with out regard that we can concieve to the health of the Troops has been frequently altered, as nesscisty or conveainecy Suggested, generally losing by the change Some part of its Substance on an evrage not more then Seven or Eight tenths have been issued.

The retaind parts were for a Short time paid for, but the buisness became troublesome to those who were to exeute it.

For this or Some other reason all regard to those dues, as they respected the Solders, has been discontinued, now and then a triffling gratuatety excepted. as those dues respected the officers, they were Compensated during one year and part of another, by [52] by an extra ration. as to the retained ration the account for Several years remains unsettled there is a large balance due upon it, and a considerable Sum on that of forage. The cloathing was another part of the Solders hire, the arreareages on that Score for the year 1777 were paid off in Continantal money, when the Dollar was worth about four pence

The arearagers for the following years are unliquiatied, and we apprehend Scarcely thought of but by the armys

When ever there has been a real want of meanes any defect in Systimes or neglet in excution, in the departments of the army, we have invariably been the Sufferes, by hunger and nakedness by exxessive and unseasonable labor and by languishment in an hospitall.

[51] We beg leave to urge an immediate adjustment of all dues. That as great a part as possible be paid, and the remander put on Such a footing, as will restore chearfullness to the army Revive confidence in the Justis and Generosity of its constituents, and contribute to the very defirable effect of re-estableshing publick Credit,

We are grived to find that our brethren who retired from Service on half pay under the relusiton of Congress in 1780, are not only distitute of any affeuctal provisions but are become the objects of obloquy.

There condition has a very discorigin aspect on us, who must Sooner or later retire and from considerations of Justis gratitude and pollicey demand attention and redrefs.

We regard the act of Congress respecting half pay as an honorable and Just recompence [50] for Several years hard Service; in which the health and fortuans of the officers have been worn down and exausted, we see, with Chagrin the odious point of vew in which the Citizens of too many of the States endever to place the men intittled to it, we hope for the honour of human nature that there are none so hardined in the Sin of ingratude as to deny the Justise of the reward. We have reason to believ that the objection generally is against the mode only. To prevent therefore any altercations and distenctions which may tend to injure that harmony which we ardintly desire may reign throughout the community, we are willing on our parts, to Commit the half pay pledges for full pay for a certain number of years or for a Sum [49] in gross, as Shall be agreed to by the Committe Sent with this adress.

In this we pray that the Solders who were the Subject of the Resolves of Congress of may be fully Comperhended.

To the representations now made the army has not a doght that Congress will pay all that attention, which the Serious nature of it requires. It would be criminal in the officers to conseal the general dessfaction which prevails, and is goning ground in the army from the presure of evils and Injuries, which in the course of Seven long years have made their Situation in many instances wretched.

[48] They therefore intreet that to obeiate any ill consequences which may arise from a dependance on the futer forbarance of the army, to Convince the Soldrey and the World, that the independence of America Shall not be placed on the ruins of any particular class of citizens, Some mode may be pointed out for immediate Reliefe.

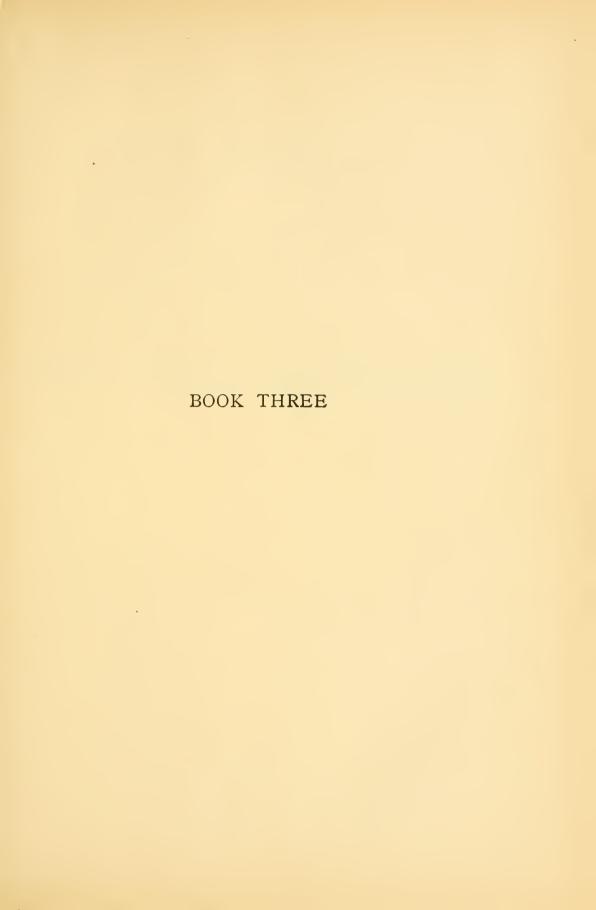
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- I There is a land of pure delight, Where Saints immortal Reign Infinite day excludes the night and pleasure Banish pain
- 2 There everlasting Spring abides and never withring flow'rs: Death like a narrow Sea, divides This heav'nly land from ours.

- 3 Sweet fields beyond the Swelling flood, Stand drest in living green:
  So to the Jews old Canaan Stood
  While Jordan Roll'd between
- 4 But timrous mortals Start and Shrink to crofs this narrow Sea, and linger, Shivring on the brink; thro' fear to launch away.
- 5 oh! could we make our doubts remove, these gloomy doubts that rise and See the canaan which we love, With unbeclouded eyes,
- 6 could we but clime where Mofes Stood, and vew the landship o'er; not Jordans Streams, nor death's cold flood, Should fright us from the Shore
  [Copied by] Rufus Lincoln

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This is another home-made book similar to Number One, size of pages  $6\frac{1}{2}$  by  $8\frac{1}{2}$  inches. It was evidently written to pass away the time while a prisoner of war at Flatlands, as it consists entirely of extracts copied from the Bible, Milton, The Spectator, Gazetteers, etc.

This paper bears the Crown watermark.

# DIARY NUMBER THREE

To Captain H-D of the 65th Regiment

Say muse divine, Can hostile Scenes delight the warriors bosom in the fields of fight:
Lo here the Christian and the hero join
With mutual grace to form the man divine in H—D See with pleasure and Suprise,
Where valour kindles, and where virtue lies:
Go, hero brave, Still grace the post of fame
And add new glories to thine honour'd name;
Still to the field, and Still to virtue true
Britannia glories in no Son like you.





This is also a home-made book, sheets 7½ by 9 inches in size, sewed together at the back.

The first pages of this book are missing, how many I have no means of knowing, and after considerable research, without result, to supply the missing parts, I was recommended to write to the Department of State, Washington, D. C., where the original Washington papers and letters are on file, and among them those relating to the Exchange of Prisoners. To add value to the part Rufus Lincoln has copied in his book, I give the missing pages in the order given to me by the Department.

They have made some corrections in the text, which are inserted to make the matter clearer. The exchange account does not appear in Rufus Lincoln's papers, and a letter given by Rufus Lincoln, from Colonel MaGaw, and others, to General Washington, is not among the original papers, but it bears evidence of genuineness in relation to the matter.

# DIARY NUMBER FOUR

#### RELATING TO THE EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS

[Supplied by the Department of State, Washington, D. C., to complete the Record of Rufus Lincoln.]

GENERAL WASHINGTON TO THE PRESIDENT OF CONGRESS.

HEAD QUARTERS MORRIS TOWN Jan 4, 1780

Sir,

The following Gentlemen, Colonels Magaw, Matthews, Eli, & Lieut. Colo Ramsay have been permitted to come out of New York on parole, with some new propositions for an Exchange of Prisoners. The result of a conference between Maj<sup>r</sup> Genl Phillips, and themselves, those they will have the honor of submitting to Congress, as I do not conceive myself authorised to take any steps in the business without their orders.

I cannot fix the precise operation which the proposed plan would have, but from such calculations as I have been able to make on the subject from a comparative view of the propositions and the general state of the Convention troops, officers and men, and the other officers prisoners on both sides, we should have to give the Enemy for the Exchange of ours in this Ouarter for whom we admit ourselves accountable, Three Colonels, Eight Lieut. Cols, Five Majors, Thirty one Captains, Forty Eight first Lieutenants Twenty Seven Second Lieutenants & Ensigns and Twenty Staff, which are all the officers prisoners of war that we have, & One Majr General, One Brigadier, one Lieutenant Colonel, Two Majors, Seventeen Captains Thirty Seven first Lieutenants, Eleven Second Lieutenants & Ensigns, Twenty Regimental Staff and about Seven or Eight hundred men. Non commissioned officers and privates of the Convention troops, which seem to be a full calculation. Colonell Magaw & the other gentlemen with him hope from the Conference they had with General Phillips, & ; ideas which he expressed of forming the first division of the Convention troops out of the broken Corps, that the number of privates would be less, as the officers attached to those Corps exceed the number they would have on a general scale of proposition. If this should be the case, it will be [so] much [the] better. In the estimate of Colonels, Prisoners, Lieut Governor Hamilton & a Colonel Alligood are included: Doctor Connelly is also in the List of Lieut. Colonels. I do not know the State of Southern Prisoners & therefore can form no accurate judgment what difference their being included may make: but I should conjecture it is against us, and would add four or five hundred privates to what the Enemy would have to receive. It is an unlucky circumstance that we are so much in the dark about their situation and the agreements that may have been entered into concerning them by the Commanders in that Quarter. If we were in possession of these facts, the propriety of including or not including them in the proposed exchange might be better determined. The relief of the Militia Officers not taken in Arms ought if practicable to be a consequence of Exchange, but I should think it best to avoid the relation established between them and Gen¹ Burgoyne in the 9<sup>th</sup> Proposition, especially as several officers are to be released on parole by the 3<sup>d</sup> Proposition, without any immediate equivalent. As I understand from the Gentlemen that wait on Congress, the exchange of the Militia Officers not taken in Arms, will not be made a point by the Enemy, so as to prevent the release of our other officers without them: but they will not admit them to parole, without some specific equivalents, being left in their hands, or at least some engagements on the part of the Public, for ensuring their return to captivity whenever they are called.

The present proposals on the part of the Enemy are more reasonable than any they have offered before, and I should hope that they may be improved into an agreement that will give the desired relief. I have taken the liberty to offer these remarks and shall be ready to execute whatever Congress may be pleased to direct, and as they will be fully possessed of the propositions, I shall be happy that any instructions they may think proper to honor me with, may be as particular as possible in delineating the objects they have in view.

I would farther beg leave to suggest that if Congress approve the propositions, I think it will be adviseable for them to request the several States to give up all the Officers they have or claim as their Prisoners, for the purpose of facilitating the exchange of ours — And as it would be the means of lessening the number of Privates the Enemy would otherwise receive. If the states consent to it, the names & rank of the officers & the places they are at cannot be too soon communicated to me. Indeed I regret as I ever have, that there should be any State prisoners of war. The system has been productive at least of great inconveniencies and discontents. I dont know how it it first obtained but I am certain if it is practicable, that it cannot be too soon abolished.

The indulgence which Col<sup>s</sup> Magaw, Matthews, Eli & Ramsay have received is limited to a few days. This consideration as well as the importance of the business on which they are, will I am convinced give them the early attention of Congress.

I have the honor to be with the

His Excellency
Saml Huntington Esq. &c.

greatest respect your Excellency's

Most obed<sup>t</sup> Servant

G<sup>o</sup> Washington <sup>1</sup>

#### 1 PROPOSALS FOR AN EXCHE OF PRISONERS

It is presumed proposals for an exchange may be opened for to be finally agreed upon by the two Commanders in Chief of the British & American armies under reciprocal terms and mutual faith of equity, equal advantage and honor.—

First To exchange in the first instance officers prisoners of war rank for rank, but should officers of similar rank not apply the exchanges to be made in dissimilar ranks, according to a valuation as may be hereafter agreed to. Private Soldiers prisoners of war to be exchanged against private soldiers prisoners of war in the same manner.

Secondly — To exchange in the second instance the troops of Convention, officers & privates by corps, alternately as may be fixed upon by lot, or otherwise between the Commanders in Chief, of the respective

#### [Here follows Rufus Lincoln's copy.]

[1] This indulgance of parole to be Extanded generally to Such officers of both the British and American Armies as may hereafter be made prisoners of War and it is to be hoped that Exchanges upon the plan now proposed may Constantly take place and as Immediately as Circumstances will alow but Should any Difficulties arise on any futer proposals of Exchange and that the Exchange be Rejected by either Partys the officers So on parole be liable to be Called in to Captivity at the order of the British or American Commanders in Cheif provided that the Comanders in Cheif So Calling Shall be prepared at the Same time actually to deliver up Such officers belonging to his Army as had been permited to go on their parole except Such as may be in Europe which Necessarily Requiring Som time for their Recall an equal number of equal Rank to be Suffered to Remain on parole untill the arival of Such officers from Europe —

#### [2] A TARIFF OR VALUATION TO BE FRAMED

[Continuation of Note 1, folio 64.]

Thirdly — That upon such exchanges being agreed to shou'd a ballance in American officers prisoners of war remain on the part of the British, such officers to have liberty to reside with their friends upon parole until exchanged, but supposing the ballance to be against the British, & that the troops of Convention or others should not all be exchanged that, after leaving a certain number of officers, as may be directed by the British Comman' in Chief, with the remaining corps, the rest to have liberty, to go & reside with their friends in Europe or otherwise until exchanged, and such officers so to be left may at the option of the British Commander in Chief, be relieved from time to time by an equal number of officers of similar ranks.

- Fourthly For officers against privats by which the Estimate of officers against officers of Dessimiler Rank will be Settleted and it is apperhended it may not be an Imroper method to do this by opposing a Certain number of privats against Serjants and the lowest Rank of officers viz Ensigns or Second Lieutenants and So on to the Higest Rank.
- Fiftly That Should it fortuatnly happen that an Exchange Takes place Such part of the troops of Conventin as Comith within it to be marched Immeditally to Elizabeth Town by the most Convenient Route or to Such other place as the Two Commanders in Cheif may appoint There to be met by an Equality of American prisoners of War and the Exchange to take place Directly upon the mutal faith and honour of the two Commanders in Cheif.
- Sixtly That all officers prisoners of War on both Sides be Exhanged according to the Rank they [3] they held when taken and the officers of the troops of Convention according to the Ranks they held at the Treaty of Saratoga.

Armies according to a valuation of privates against officers as may hereafter be agreed to, that is to say, American officers for British & German officers of equal ranks as far as they will apply, corp by corp and then their dissimilar ranks [according to a Tariff to be settled for that purpose the exchange of privates of such corps to be settled in the same manner].

W. Phillip Maj Gen<sup>1</sup>

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 Robert MaGaw Col<sup>1</sup>
 Geo Mathews Col<sup>1</sup>
 John Eli Col<sup>1</sup>

}

Nat<sup>i</sup> Ramsay Lt. Col.

Sevethly

That the American officers prisoners of War Taken by the British forces in Georgia and South Carolina be Suffired to go on parole after being mustired and Certifyed to by a British officer or Commisery and the Principale American officer Prisoner of War there; That Such officers be Immeditaly Exchanged for British and German officers which have been made prisoners of War in those parts the American [private] Solders prisoners of War to be Exchanged as far as they apply against privites of the British army made prisoners in those parts in the Same manner the Remaining American privats Solders Prisoners of War to be Exchanged against Such privits Solders prisoners of War of the British Army as may be in other parts of america and the Remaining officers to be Exchanged against [4] against British officers prisoners of War Should there be any left in other parts of America to apply and then finally against an equal number of troops of Convention according to the terms mentioned in the forgoing article and as Suffiring the american officers made priloners of War in those parts to go to their families on parole proceeds from Liberal motives and an unwillingness to order them to this part of America; it is to be expected that no delay be made in the final exchange of them against the troops of Convention to prevent which it is proposed that General Washington Should Send Such powers to the American officers there as may Render the mustering the officers absolute and on the Certificats and Recepts of American officers Priloners of War who have thus been Suffered to go on parole being Sent to the american Commanding officer at Alamaral [Albermarle] Barricks in Verginia that officer Shall be impoured to Direct an Exchange of a proportionate number [5] Number of the troops of Convention who will Immeditally march according to the Route and manner already drectead to New York To Effect this move. Certaingly an officer of the troops of Convention might go from Verginia to Georgia and Return with the proper Certificats Should their by accedident hapen any mistake in Such Certificates they are to be Certified So Soon as Discovered:

Eightly

That on those Exchanges; agreed to by the two Cumanders in Cheif and then Taking place Major General Resdesel [Reidesel] to be Exchanged with the first Division of the troops of Convention Major General Philips at the head of the Second division then Lieutenant General Burgoyne and after him the third Division by this it is to be observed that the troops of Convention are to be formed into three divisions for Exchange not meaning however to Stope the progress of Exchange but to allow of the Divisions being Exchanged in Parts as numbers will apply.

Ninthly

Rather then Defeat So humean a purpose as that now in Contemplation it is to [be] wished that [6] a Discursion Conserning the Exchange of officers of Militia not taken in arms and the troops taken at the Ceders may be put of for the present: That the officers of Militia not taken in arms have the Same bennifit of Parole with that of Lieutenant General Burgoyne.

The following Tariff it is Immagined may be adopted by the Commanders in Cheif of the British and American armies it having been Caluclated with every attention to mutual advantage Equity & honor

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Lieutenant General	_	_	_	_	1044	Privats
Major General	_	_	*******	_	372	"
Brigader General					200	66
Colonel					. 100	66
Lieutenant Colonel	-	_			72	66
Major —		_		_	28	66
Captain —		<del></del>	_		16	66
First Lieutenant	-	_			<b>—</b> 6	"
Second Lieutenants	and Enfign	S	_		- 4	66
Serjents					2	66
Corporals Drumers f	ifers Privat	s Solders &	& Volunters		I	66

[7] Adjutants and Quarter-Masters to Regiments to be Exchanged as first Lieutenants Supposing they have no other Commissun &c otherwise by the Commission they bare in their Respective Corps—

Surgions to Regiments and Corps — 6 Privats

Mate to ditto — — 4 "

Chapilains to be alway given up on both Sids with out Exchange. Staff of the armies Comperhending Adgjutants and Quarter Mafters Generals with their Deputes and assistants Aids-De-Camps and Majors of Brigades to be Exchanged according to the Rank they hold in the army—

Surgions of the general Hospitals to be Exchanged as Captains	16	Privats
Deputy Comesery Generals to be Exchanged as Captains	16	"
Deputy pay Massters Generals to be Exchanged as Capt	16	66
Their Deutys & assistants to be Exchanged as first Lieut	6	"

William Phillips Major General

Robert Magaw Col George Mathews Col<sup>o</sup> John Ely Col<sup>o</sup> Nath<sup>1</sup> Ramfy Lt. Col.

[8] A General State of British and American Prisoners December 29th 1779

	General officers			Field				Company		Staff		Total
	Lt Generals	Major Generals	Brigader Generals	Colonels	Lt Colonel	Captains	Majors	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Staff	Total	Privats & officers Servents
Prisoners of war to the States	-		_	I	8	5	31	48	27	20	140	1283
D° Convention	1	2	3	_	3	6	51	112	33	62	273	2772
American Prifoners to the British	-	_	3	12	7	8	40	136	43	13	272	100
Total Amouent	I	2	6	13	18	19	1222	296	103	956	685	4155

NOTE Colonels Thomas & Coats Citizens } not Included in the above Colonel Hendreck Exchanged } account.

Lieu Colonel Reonld Exchanged } Green Difputed by the enemy } not included in the above Majors Wright & Hodgson Cityzens }

Major Giles Counted with the Captains } not included in the above

The General State of American & British Prisoners — as per List with the papers at the Dept. of State.

### Prisoners with the Enemy -

4085

	3 Brigadiers	@ 200	600
	12 Colonels	@ 100	1200
	7 Lieutenant Colonels	@ 72	504
(1 Dept)	8 Majors	@ 28	224
	40 Captains	@ 16	640
	136 Lieutenants	@ 5	680
	43 Lieutenants & Ensigns	@ 4	172
			4020
	13 Staff	@ 5	65

Cr.	
r Colonel @ re	00 100
8 Lieute <sup>t</sup> Colonels	72 576
5 Majors @	28 140
3 1	16 496
48 Lieutenants <sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub> @	6 192
1/3 at	464 256
27 Ensigns @	4 108
20 do. @	6 120
In Virginia	
2 Colonels	200
2 Majors	56
2 Captains	3 <b>2</b>
4 Lieutenants &c	20
	Dr.
	4085
Convention Officers &c	
1 Major General	372
Family	28
ı Major	28
12 Captains	192 2724
Balance bro <sup>t</sup> up —	1361
21 Lieutenants	126
7 2 <sup>d</sup> do	27
2 Surgeons	12
3 Mates	I 2
56 Sargeants	112
454 Privates	454
Maj Genl Phillips 372   Family 34	<b>422</b>
Capt. Valcony	1165
Сору	196

NEW YORK 20th Decr 1779

### [**9**] Sir

I had the honour to Report to you Sir My having Received a letter from the American Colonel Mathews expressing a desire of having a Convesation with me Respecting Exchanges and giving as his oppinion that So human a Purpose might be attained upon terms of Equal advantage to both the British and American Armies. Having Received your Excellencys permission to Converce with Colonel Mathews or any other American officer, I have to inform you Sir, that I have had frequent

Meetings with Sevral of those Gentlemen Prisoners of war, and the Result has been our presuming to Commit to writing Some Proposals towards a General Exchange in which the Prisoners of war on both Sids and the troops of Convention are Included.

We have attempted to do this on the most Liberal Principals & have Indeaveured by all possibale meanes to put away every Exceptionable matter which might Creat delay or Set aside the operation of a Bussiness in which Humanity is So materily Connected,

We have taken the Liberty to draw up Some Memorandums to Serve as a basis for a Negotiation and we have been So Impressed with the Rectitude of our way of thinking on the occasion that we have ventured to Sign our names to the paper: Meaning to have it Prefented on my [10] my Part to your Excelency and on theirs to General Washington. Meaning also that the Completion of So fortunate and happy a Purpose may be Concluded between your Excelency and General Washington by each of you Granting Power to an officer or officers from the British and American armies to meet and Settle finally the matter So that a General Exchange may Immeditally follow - Should you Sir favourably Received the Papers I have the honor to prefent you I am to Request as a Part of this Transation that your Exelency will Permit four American officers Prisoners of War Viz: Colo Mathews Colo Magaw Lt Colo Ramfey & Colo Ely to go to General Washington to make on their Part this Propofal for a General Exchange they Signing a parole to Return to New York on the twenty Eight day from their Seting out from hence: they Supposing it may Require that time to Settle a Buisness of Such Serious Consequences they meaning to Return Sooner if Pofible:

I Take leave to offer myfelf Still further in the Profecution of this matter and not Conceveing it at all derogatory to my Situation or Parole, will with great Pleafure Should your Excelency So aprove become one of the officers on the part of the British to meet in Commssion those American officers whome General Washington Shall [11] Shall Send on his part. I cannot help permiting my Self to exspress the Sattisfation I feel at having been thus far Instremental to what I am Shure has been ever a principle object with your Excelency and if I Should under your Excelencys orders be able to Compleat this humain purposse I Shall esteem it among the most forunate events of my life. It will Compensate for the Missortunes I have Suffored and Render me Compleatly happy. I have the honour to be Sir with the

Highest Respect your Excelencys obedient and most humble Serv<sup>t</sup>.

his Excelency
Sir Henry Clinton

(Signed) William Phillips

NEWYORK, 24th Decr 1779

Sir

As I Confented to your Converfing with Gentlemen from amongeft the American Prisoners of War on the very Interesting Subject of an Exchange of Prisseners So I now give you my approbation of your Procedings and my Thanks for the earnest-ness of your labours in this Business. I observed that with Steady attention to our

purpose you have with temper and Liberallity Set aside every Subject of Litegation which might obstruct the desirable Relief from Captivity we have in vew.

The ground work of a Cartel with which you [12] you Prefented me I have Perused and Deriving from its apperance of Equity a hope of its being Compleated Give my freest consent to those Gentelmen whom you named departing upon their Parole to Return in twenty Eight Days. You have Prevented my wishes in offiring yourself as a Commissioner Should a Negotiation take place.

And I axcept your Service thinking with you that it will incur nothing derogation to your Situation nor Parole. — I have the honour to be Sir your most obedeint and most humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

Major General Phillips

H. Clinton

I attest upon my honor this to be a true Copy from the origenal Letter from his Exceleny General Sir Henry Clinton to me which I have this day Received

New York 24<sup>th</sup> Decr 1779 William Phillips Major General

NEWYORK Decr 25th 1779

#### Gentlemen

It is with great Satisfation that I have delivered to you his Excelency General Sir Henry Clintons Permission for your going out to General Washington upon the Humane Purpose which Caries you there well on every event do Credite to your feelings as men [13] men & as officers — I Cannot help Supposing that your Negotiation will meet weth Suckfeels and as the proposals for an Exchange are founded upon So Large a Bias I apprehend the Superstructure may very easely be Complated and If I am to be Connected with the futer Proceedings you may Depend I will Exert every endever for an attainment in which I am Concerned with So many Sufferings Prifoners I am Convnced that General Washington will view our Transactions in the Clear and fair light it merits and I am Perfuaded your Congress will also See this matter as you Gentlemen will offer it to them — To observe upon this propofed Exchange Politically Surely the Great Contest between Great Britian and America will Scarcely feel the event Excepting in the Instance of Humanity & Liberality which this Bufiness if it Succeeds will Produce — I Need not observe Militarily upon it as General Washingtons Knowledge of the Subject and his good Scence will Give it its true explantion. The Prifoners of war are out of the Question in any arguament and the two Divisions Proposed to be Exchanged of the troops of Convention taken in the fullest Idea, will give us very few Priveates and of those many of them will be to be Discharged from the Service, and above two [14] Two thirds if not all the Rest Sent at the opening of the Spring to Canada. I am Shure it is unnessary to Expatiate Particularly upon the Sad alternative Supposing this matter brakes off. You will Immediately Perceive Reflecting upon it that it must be attended with a Recall in to Capitivity of all the American Prisoners of war, and most Probably a General assembely of them from Every Part of America on Long Island. this will in Course be followed by my Returning with Major General De Reidhefel to the troops of Convention and you must be Convinced with me that the Present Prisoners

of War or otherwise of both Partys as well as those who may be made So in sutere will become wretched Deuring the Continuance of the Present unhappy war—I Cannot help testifing evein in this Letter the Respect in which I hold the Conduct of his Majesties Commander in Cheif in American who has again most Generously offered himself willing to Join with General Washington in a Plan for a General Exchange. Should it fail I am Persuaded you will agree with me that it will be Scarcely Posible to Renew again any Proposels of terms and I am free to Declare to you Gentelmen that for my Self I had Rather perish in the wilds of Virginia then becom a Party to any Indignety which might arise upon Such an occasion and in Giveing [15] these my Sentiments I Know I Shall be Joined by every officer and Solder in the Kings Service Prisoner of War and troops of Convention I Cannot Close this Letter without acknowledging the fairmness of your Proceeding with me on this Intresting Occasion and how much you have Persued with a Steady adhereance to your Cause the Dictates of humanity & Liberal minds. I am Gentlemen with Great Personal attention your most

Conls Magaw & Mathews }
Lt Cols Ramfey & Ely

Obedient Humble Servt & William Phillips

Morris Town Deci 27th 17791

Sir.

We wait on your Excelency by Permission of General Sir Henery Clinton Commander of the British Army in New York with Proposals for Exchange of Prisoners the Propositions took their Rise from an interview Between Major General Phillips and Col<sup>o</sup> Mathews at Lancaster, their Present form is the Result of Sevral Conforances Between us and that officer in New York — We are Supported by our Brother officers Prisoners of War in the oppinion that they are sounded on Principles of Equallity and mutual Advantage, — Should your Excelency view them in a Different Point of Light we will Cheerfully [16] Cheerfully acquiesce & and Beg Leave to assure your Excelency that Neither we nor they defire to be Liberated on other Terms, and that we would Rather Continue in Painfull Captivity then Desire a measure Should be adapted Injurious to the Interest of our Countery, we have the honor to be &C—

his Excelency Gen<sup>1</sup> Washington Robert Maygaw George Mathews John Ely Nath<sup>1</sup> Ramfey

HEAD QUARTERS MORRIS TOWN Feby 1th 1780

#### Gentlemen

By the Letter you ware So obliging as to bring me from Congress yesterday I find they have been Plesed to authorise me to Negotiate a Cartel for Exchange of Prisoners in Consequence of this Authority I Shall be Ready to appoint Commissions to meet others from the British Commander in Cheif at any time and Place that may be thought Convenent for the adjustment of So Important and Distrable a wark: This you will be Pleased to Communicate to Major General Phillips and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This letter is missing from the original Papers of General Washington, on file at the Department of State, Washington.

I would willingly hope that the Propofals Concerted Between him and you which So far as they go are Generaly upon Just [17] Just and Liberal Principales may be Improved into an agreement that will be attended with Mutual and Perminate advantage—I have the honour to be with great Regrette & Esteem

Gentlmen Your Most obet Humble Servt

G: Washington 1

To Colos Magaw & Mathews L<sup>t</sup> Coloo Elv & Ramfey

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My God thy Service well Demand The Remnant of my Days: Why was the fleeting Breath renew'd But to Renew thy Praise?

2

Thine arms of everlasting Love Did this weak forme Sustain; When Life in Purple Torrents flow'd From every Sinking Vein.

3

Thou when the Pains of Death were felt, Did'ft Chase the fears of of hell:
And teach me with my quivring Lips,
Thy matchless Grace to tell.

<sup>1</sup> General Washington to Colonels Magaw, Mathews, Ely & Ramsay in somewhat different form than that given by Rufus Lincoln (from Department of State):—

HEAD QUARTERS MORRIS TOWN
January 19 — 1780.

#### Gentlemen.

By the Letter you were so obliging as to bring me from Congress yesterday—I find they have been pleased to renew the powers given me by their Act of the 5<sup>th</sup> of March last, respecting the Exchange of Prisoners. I am happy to inform you that after full consideration of the proposals concerted between Maj Gen¹ Phillips and Yourselves, they appear to me generally, just & liberal—such as I flatter myself may easily be improved into an agreement that will give the desired relief. It were to be wished that they had comprehended a settlement of Accounts, a point to which my instructions relate, and which will make a previous part to the business.

On this footing, which You will be pleased to communicate to Maj. Gen<sup>1</sup> Phillips, I shall be ready to appoint Commissioners at any time & place which may be thought convenient for  $\frac{e}{7}$  final adjustment of the affair.

The Board of Treasury in the mean time will find Persons properly authorised to enter into the proposed settlement of accounts, and to receive the Ballance that may be due.

I have the honor to be with great respect & esteem Gentlemen

Your most obt servant G. W.

Cols Magaw, Mathews, Eli & Lieut Colo Ramsay.

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Calmly I bow'd my fainting Head On thy dear faithful Breaft: Pleas'd to obey my father's Call To his eternal Reft.

5

Into thy Hands, my Saviour God, Did I my Soul refign: In firm Dependance on that Truth That made Salvation mine

6

Back from the Borders of the Grave, At thy Command I Come: Nor would I urge a Speedier flight To my Celestial Home,

7

Where thou determined'ft my abode, There would I Choose to be: for in thy Presence Death is Life, And Earth is Heaven with the.

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In Gods own House for me to play, While Christans meet to hear and Pray: is to Profane his holy Place, And tempt th' Almighty to his face

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When angels bow before the Lord, And Deviles tremble at his word: Shall I, a Sinful mortal dare To mock, and Sport, and trifle there;

3

His Wrath might Strik my guilty Head his fire from heav'n might lay me dead And Send my Careless Soul to dwell Amidst the Gloomy flames of Hell. 4

When Death the King of fears Shall Come To Call me to my latest home; The thoughts of Such a Shameful Part, With bitter Pain may Pierce my Heart.

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Great God Compassionate and mild forgive the follies of a Child;
Teach me to Pray, and mind thy word
That I may learn to Serve the Lord.

Copied at Flat land Apriel 27th 1780 by Rufus Lincoln

[20]

#### On Friendship

The worl my Dear Comrade is full of deceit and friendship a Jewell we Seldom Can meet how Strange does it Seem that in Sarching around this Sorce of Content is So Rair to be found O friendship thou balm, and Rich Sweetner of life kind Parent of eafe and Compofer of Strife without the Alass what are Riches and Power but emty Delutions, the Jovs of an Hour. how much to be Prifed and esteemed is a friend on whome we may always with Safty Depend our Joys when Extended will always increase and Greif when Devided is Hush'd into Peace when fortune is Smiling what Crowds will apear their kindness to offer and friendship Sincere vet Change but the Prospect and point out Diffres no longer to Court you they Egarly Press -

Copied at Long Island Flat land May 9th 1780 by Rufus Lincoln

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I/I yd Superfine blue Cloth $42 - 3 = 3 - 0$
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3/2 Doz-large plated Buttons 5 — 0 17 — 6
Silk D twift $$
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I/I Superfine white Cloth $42 = 3 - 3 - 0$
3 Doz = Small plated buttons — $-2/6$ o $-7-6$
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BOSTON November 22th [22]

We hear from Woodstock in Windham County that Mrs: Dorcas Sanger, about 84 years of age lately walked about two miles, hand in hand with her Daughter, grand daughter, Great grand Daughter and great Great Grand Daughter, five Genrations the Said Daughter was the mother of 19 Children before She Saw 40 years.

Swift Says He Should be Sorry to See the legiflatures make any more laws against Duelling, for if Villans and Raskls will despatch one another, it is for the good of the Community. But the Miffortuin is they will not dispatch one another, but this Principle of fear, and the diffance at which he Stand, prevents any Shot being efectual.

### [23] A Letter from Gen<sup>1</sup> Burgoyne Sir

Major General Reidfel has Requited me to transmit the Inclosed to Lt Colo Baun whom the fortune of war put into the hands of your troops at Benington Having never failed in my attention toward prisoners, I Cannot entertain a doubt of your

taking this opportunity to Shew me a Return of Civility and that you will permit the baggage and Servants of Such officers your Prisoners as desire it to pass to them Unmolested. It is with great Concern I find my Self obliged to add too this application a Complaint of the bad treatment the Provincial Soldiers in the Kings Service after the affair at Benington I have Reports upon oath that Some were Refused quarters after having asked it I am willing to believe this was against the order and inclination of your officers but it is my part to Require an Explanation and to warn you of the horrows of Retalliation if Such a practice is not in the Strongest terms Difcountanced and Reprehended.

Duty and principle Sir make me a publick enemy to the Americans who have taken up arms; but I Seek to be a Generous one nor have I the Shadow of Refentment against any individual who does not enduce it by acts daragatory to those maxims upon which [24] which all men of honour think alike

Perfuaded that a Gentleman of the Station to which this letter is addressd will not be Comprized in the exception I have made,

I am personally Sir your humble Servant

J. Burgoyn

The answer from Gen<sup>1</sup> Gates Sir.

Last night I had the honour to Receive your Excelencys letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> Instant. I am astonished you Should mention inhumanity or threaten Retaliation Nothing hapned in the action at Benington but what is Common when works are Carred by Assualt.

That the Savages of America Should in their warfair mangle and Scalp the unhappy prisoners who fall into their hands: is nothing new or extreeordinay But that the famious Lieutenant General Burgoyne in whome the fine Gentelman is united with the Solder and the Scholar Should hire the Savages of America to Scalp Europans and the decendants: of Europans: Nay more that he Should pay a price for each Scalp So Barboursy taken is more then will be believed in Europe until authenticated facts Shall in Every gazett Confirm the truth of the horrid tale.

Mrs McKea a young lady lovely to the Sight, of virtuorous Character and amibale Disposition engaged to be marred to an officer in your armey, was with other Wiming and Children taken out of a house near [25] near fort Edward Carried into the Woods and there Scalped and mangled in a most Shocking manner. Two Parants with their Six Children were all treated with the Same inhumanity while Quietly Residing in their once happy and peacefull dwellings the misarable fate of Mrs McKea was particularly aggravated: by being dresed to Receive her promised husband but met her murdrers Employed by you. Upwards of one hundred men women and Children have perished by the hands of the Russons to whom it is asserted you have paid the price of Blood

Inclosed are letters from your wounded officers, prisoners in my hands: By them you will be informed of the Generosity of their Conquerers.

Such money Clothing attendance and neceffaries which your Excelency pleafes to Send to the prifoners Shall be faithfully delivered. The late Col<sup>o</sup> Bauns. Sarvant is at Benington he would have Come to your Excelencys Camp but when I offered him a flag he was afraid to run the Refque of being Scalped and Declined. — When I know what Surgeon and attendance your Excellency is defirious of Sending to Benington I Shall dispatch an officer to Conduct them to my Camp.

I am Sir your most Humble Servant Horatio Gates

- [26] Articles of Capitulation as proposed by Major General Lincoln and answered by their Excellencies General Sir. Henry Clinton K. B. and Vice Admiral Arbuthnot -1
- Art. 1. All acts of hosfility and work Shall cease until the articles of Capitulation are finally agreed to or Rejected.
- Art. 2. The town and fortifications with the Shipping at the wharves, artillery and all publick Stores whatfoever Shall be Surrendered in their prefent State to the Commander of the invefting forces: Proper officers Shall attend from the respective departments to receive them.
- Art. 3. The Continental troops and Sailors, with their baggage, Shall be Conducted to a place to be agreed on, where they will remain prisoners of war untill Exchanged while prisoners they Shall be Suplied with good and wholesom provisions in Such quantity as is Served out to the troops of his Britannic Majesty.
- Art. 4. The militia now in Garrison Shall be permitted to return to their rispective homes, as prisoners upon Parole: which parole, So long as they observe Shall Secure them from being molested in their property by the British troops.
- Art 5: The Sick and wounded Shall be Continued under the Care of their own Surgeons, and be Suplied with Medicine and Such necessaries as are allowed to the British hospitial.
- Art. 6: The officers of the army and navy Shall keep their horfes: Swords, piftols and baggage which Shall not be Searched and retain their Seravants—the horfes not to be Carred out of town, but to be difposed of by perfons left from each Corps for that purpose.
- [27] Art. 7: The whole Garrison Shall at an hour to be appointed march out of the town to the ground between the works of the place and the Canal, where they will deposit their arms. The Drums are not to beat a British march or Colours to be uncased.
- Art 8 That the french Conful his house, papers and other movables Shall be Protected and unmolested and a proper time granted to him for retiring to any place that may afterwards be agreed upon between him and the Commander in Cheif of the british forces. He Considering himself as a prisoner on parole.
- Art 9: All Civil officers and the Citizens who have borne armes during the Siege, must be prisoners on parole: and with Respect to their Property in the City, Shall have the Same terms as are granted to the militia. And all other perfons now in the town, not described in this, or other article are notwithstanding understood to be prisoners on Parole.
- Art 10 That a twelvemonths time be allowed all Such as do not Choose to Continue under the British government to dispose of their effects real and personal in the State, with not any molestation whatever, or to Remove Such part thereof as they Choose, as well as themselves and families: and that during that time, they or any of them, may have it at their option to reside occasionally in town or Country. The discussion of the above Artical of Course Cannot Possibaly be entred into at present.
- Art II The Subjects of France and Spain Shall have the Same terms as are granted to the french Consul.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> At surrender of Charleston, S. C., May 12, 1780.

[28] Art. 12: That a veffel be permitted to go to Philedelphia with the Generals Difpatches, which are not to be opened. — Granted and a proper Veffel with a flag will be provided for that purpose.

All publick papers and records must be Carefully Preserved and faithfully

Delvered to Such perfons as Shall be appointed to Receive them

(Signed)

H. Clinton
Mt. Arbuthnot

Some Birth day Verses Composed by James Moore While Prisoner on long Island.

October 30th [177 —]

This day in years Iam aged forty two. Alas what greif and trouble Ive gone thro for mortal man is Doomd to Misiry as Sparks by Nature ordred up to fly But as in Storms the Sparks must Swifter go So is my lot to Suffer double wo. oft have I felt and well I know the Smart the heavy hand of grief laid on My heart. My Earthly Cumforts often Snatcht away and into Darkness Sunk my Brightest day and now I Suffer for my Countrys Caufe Because we dare oppose a tyrants Laws. But you my friends who Suffer Eagual Woo, Can best believe the pains I under goo, thus kept from home and o the Cruell Smart, kept from a Wife the Darling of my heart kept from my Children kept from all that is dear

[29] And what ads to the Smart I am kept here
But Stop my woe my grief be at a Stand
thefe things are ordered by the Wifeft hand
And tho his Ways Seem in the Dark to me
he rules he Reigns in Justes Equeite.
And Ill Confess his Judgements all are Just
And Where I Cant unravle learn to trust.
And better days I Shortly hope to See
for to Enjoy my all in Libertee

#### on Redemtion.

A Poem Composed by James Moore While Prisoner on Long Island. — The Substance taken from a Small peace Said to be found in the Isle of Patmuss

- I Ye Higheft hills be humbledLofty Ceaders in Sackcloath Spread
- 2 With Crys ye Proud your Dwellings fill and Peace ye Winds ye Waves be Sill
- 3 Ye Roaring tempests voyd of Joys and Rocking Whirlwinds Cease your noise.
- 4 In awfull Silence all Prepare
  The Suffirings of your God to bear
- 5 Abashd ye Stood and all was Dark but heres glad tideings Sinners hark
- 6 the House of mourning gets Relif, and joy breaks in the heart of greef. —
- 7 Behold the Crofs lift up your Eyes behold your god in agonies.
- [30] 8 Justice and Mercy here Doth meet. Was Ever goodness So Compleet
  - 9 Was Ever love So fully Shown Was Ever Sorrows like his own
  - 10 be Silent Sinners Sinners fly To your Redeemer Ear you die
  - 11 Lo yonder hangs your god and See. he bleeds he Dies upon the tree
  - 12 The meek the mild the Just the good A Horred Spectacle of blood. —
  - 13 he that gave Creation birth hangs now between heaven and Earth
  - 14 Sinners behold he Died for you Can you behold and mock him too.
  - 15 Expireing thus in tortours fraught.
    All far above the Reach of thought
  - 16 Your Stoney hearts must bleed to See Emmanul hanging on the tree
  - 17 Behold no Crown of gold he Wares Nor Coftly Jewells in his Ears.
  - 18 his Crimfon blood his head adorns
    Thrust out by the Sharp Pointed thorns
  - 19 Your hearts must bleed your blood run Cold When thus your Jesus you behold
  - 20 See through his hands those hands of love the peirfing pointed nails are Drove.
  - 21 At Each hard Streak they Deeper go the blood Springs forth at Every blow —

- [31] 22 in Silent grief he bares the pain and Wilt thou Sinners yet Complain
  - 23 those hands did health and blessing give While for our Comfort he did live.
  - 24 Those feet fast naild unto the Wood that Went about a Doing good.
  - 25 See hear the Soverain healer hang—See here the love of god and man.
  - 26 Can I a Sinner dare behold these Sceens of Sorrow thus unfold
  - 27 O burst my heart with Swelling greif my Eyes gush out and give Releif
  - 28 O yes I love and I adore
    O help me lord to love the more
  - 29 and may thy love be my Delight and Meditation Day and Night
  - 30 Hark o that Sound my Soul attend Well might the Rocks of marble Rend
  - 31 he Crys to god in agonies O why haft thou forfaken me.
  - 32 What Word Can utter that Diffress or who thy agonies Express.—
  - 33 But why forfaken of thy God but to Compleet that heavy load
  - 34 Ye travalers attend the Cry behold and See as you Pass by
  - 35 Was Ever Sorrow like his own Was Ever Wrath So fully known
- [32] 36 A Dying Jefus hear you See and Sin and Death triumphant be
  - 37 Now it is finished he Cryes he bows his head he groans and Dies —
  - 38 To See his head What tounge Can tell Declining on his bosom fell. —
  - 39 See from the Wound thats opned Wide the Mystick Stream flow from his Side
  - 40 Hear that Expireing groan at last all nature hears and Stands agast.
  - 41 the Sun afrighted hides his face and awfull Darkness takes its place —
  - 42 the Mountains tremble from on high; the Rocks are Rent Exceedingly —
  - 43 the graves are opened by the Stroke—
    the dead in them from Sleep awoke—
  - 44 a Suffering God thus you See united to humanatey —

- 45 To Save us from our Sins he Came and therefore Jefus is his name—
- 46 With holy Wonder Sweet Surprife Your Bosoms high in Raptures rife
- 47 Your hearts must feel the devine Spring Which Will to you new Comforts bring
- 48 Sinners Jehovah is his name anointed Saviour now he Came
- 49 In this Rejoife with holly joy mak in your hearts Sweet melody
- [33] 50 With meekness Search if you Can know from Whence Such love and mercy flow
  - 51 May I in Jefus find a part, and may he Dwell with in my heart
  - 52 Vanish my fears my troubles Cease and all within me Joy and peace

### A New Song to the tune Black Sloven

- I Ye brave Sons of freedom afemble to Day So honeft So hearty So happy and gay Come Joyn in the Choras and Chearfully Sing in prais of the land that with freedom doth fpring
- 2 Tho placed at a Distance from Brittons' bold Shore from thence either we or our fathers Came over And whilst with Justice our Rulers ware Steer'd Their Comands we loved and the Laws we Rever'd—
- 3 But when our Just Rights they attempted to Controle Resistance they ll: meet with from every free Soul For freedom my boys we are Reselv'd to Maintain for freedom we Bleed and will bleed again —
- 4 Should the British Troops now apear on the Plain The land they possessed by force to Maintain The brave Sons of freedom our Rongs will Requit and Shew them again that provincials will fight
- 5 Let Fort Pitt Lake George and Niagera Show how America Conquired a Short time ago, Whilft Lexington fields and Bofton Proclaim'd We Still are Refolved our Rights to maintain

- [34] 6 Then her's to Great George and long may he Rreign Commander in Cheif o'er this happy plain — While all the Contention we hear and we See — Is to maik him as happy as happy Can be
  - 7 And hear is to the Daughters of this happy Soil
    With joy they will meet us when done with our toil
    When we have beat our foes from this fertile Ground
    And are held with aplaufe even all the world Round.

The origin of the party and names Whig & Tory as Rilated by Mr. Rapin Dethoyras

— In his history of England writen in french

He observes that the partys who afterwards were after Caled by these Names ware first formd in king James the first time in 1621 but did not Receive these names until 1679 So in king Charls the 2<sup>nd</sup> time Where he gives the acount of it in page 712 vol 2<sup>nd</sup>—

"on the prefent ocation petitions had been prefented to the king for the Sitting "of the Parliment — as So as the Parliment was prorogued and the Duke of York "at Court many addresses ware presented in abhorance of the former — So that two "Partes were formed Called the petitioners and abhorrers—as the animofity be-"tween the two Partys gradually increased they bestowed upon Each other Names "of Reproach and from hence arose the So much famed Distinction of Whige and "Tory—the Petitioners looking upon their adversaries as Entierly Devoted to "the Court and the Popish faction gave [35] Them the name of torys—a title "given to Irsh Robbers Villians and Cut throats Seince Called Rapperees thus the "name of torys Sarves only now to Diftinguish one of the two factions which "Still Devide England The abhorrers on their Side Confidering the Pittioners "as men Entierly in the Princible of the Parliment of 1640 and as Presbyterians "gave them the name of Whige or Sour milk formerly appropriated to the Scotch "Presbyterians and Rigid Covenanters these two Denominations are too Well "Remembred at this time. Copied by RL.

# A Song to the tune of the British Granadears

- I Vain Brittons Boast no longer with proud Indigity
  By land your Conquering leigons your matchless Strength by Sea
  Since we your braver sons Incens'd our Swords have girded on
  Huzza huzza huzza huzza for War and Washington
- 2 Urg'd on by North and Vengence these Valient Champons Came Loud Bellowing tea and treason and George was all on flame Yet Sacred legions as it Seems we Rebbles Still live on and laugh at all your Emty Puffs and So does Washington

- 3 Still Deef to mild Intreatys Still blind to Englands good You have for thirty peaces Betray'd your Counterys Blood— Like Eafops greedy Cur you'll gain a Shadow for your bone Youll find us fearfull Shades indeed Infpird by Washington
- [36] 4 Myserious Unexampled Incomprahensible—
  the Blundring Schems of briton their folly prid and Zeal
  Like lyons how they growl and frett mear ases have they Shown
  And you Shall Share an ases fait and Drudge to Washington
  - 5 Your dark unfathom'd Councils our weakest heads Defate Our Children Rout your Armys our boats Deftroy your fleet And to Compleat your dire Difgrace Cooptup within A Town You live the scorn of all our Troops the Slaves of Washington
  - 6 Great god is this the Nation whose Conquering Arms was hurld Through Europe, Africk, India whose Nave Rul'd the World The luster of your former deeds whole Ages of Renown Left in A moment or transferd to us and Washington
  - 7 Yet think not thirst of glory unfheathed our Vengefull sword
    To Cut our bands Asunder and Cast away the Cord
    Tis Heaven born freedom fires us all and Strengthens Each brave Son
    From him who humble guides the plow to god like Washington
  - 8 For this O Could our wifhes your Antient Rage Infpire
    Your Armys must be Double in Number force and fire
    Then might the glorious Conflict prove which best Deferves the boon
    America or Albion A George or Washington
  - 9 Fired with the great Idea our fathers Shades would Rife to Vew the Stern Contention the gods Defert the Skies and Wolf midft hofts of Heros Superor bending Down Cries out with Eager transport well done brave Washington
- [37] 10 Should George too Choyce of Brittons to forigen Relms apply and madly arm half Europe yet Still we would defy
  Turk Rufhan Jew and Infidell or all these powers in one
  While Hancock Crowns our Sianet our Camp great Washington
  - 11 The War like Weapons fail us Difdaning Slavish fear—
    to Swords wee'd beat our plow Shears our pruning hooks to Spears
    And Rush all despert on our foes nor breath till we have done
    Then Shout and Shout America and Conquering Washington

#### The last Will and Testament of old England

- I old England being in a Very Weak and Languishing State through voluptuousness and loss of blood to make and ordain this my last Will and Testement in the Following manner viz.
- Imprimis I do give and bequoath unto the Bishop of St. Asaph and Petersbourgh to be Equally Devided between them all my Religion.
- I give my Vertue and Sincerity to the Worthy members of the menority in the house of Commons. —
- I give all my Knowledge in Politics to Lord Camboon and Lord Abington and their other noble Lords who opposed the ministery in the late mescheevous and Cursed War in America. —
- I give to my Sifter Scotland all my prid and Haughtiness.
- I give to my Sister Ireland the one half of my Poverty Distress and ruin. -
- [38] 6 I give to the Earle of Bute and Lord north all my treachary and Tyranny to be Equally Divided between them. —
- 7 I give to Lord and Gen<sup>1</sup> How all my Cruelty as a Reward for their treatment of the American Prisoners. —
- 8 I give all my low Cunning to lord Mansfield and Lord George Germaine. —
- o I give my Stupidity and obstinancy to the present minestry
- 10 I give my Power by land and Sea to the French King. -
- II I give my Integrity to the King of Spain. -
- 12 I give my trade and Commers to the States of Holland —
- I give those object mortals the Tories in America one Ton of hemp to be Equally Distributed amongst them by Jack ketch.—
- I give all my right and title Contained in that most Glorious tract Called Magna Charter to the United States of America to their heirs and assigns forever.—
- 15 I give unto my Colonies in America Viz. Canada nover Scotice East and West florida and the West Indies the other half of my Poverty destress and Ruin: and I do appoint the United States of America to be the Guardains of my Said Colonies.—
- Laftly I nominate Conftitute and appoint the Count Dal-Modaror to be the Execuitor of this my laft Will and Teftement. In Witness Wher of I have heareunto Set my hand and Seal in the Pallace of Necessity this 19<sup>th</sup> of Aprile Juft four years from the fatial day on which my laft oppertunity was loft by the blood of America at Lexington anno 1779
- Signed Sealed Prounonced and Declaried to be the last Will and Testement of Said old England in the presents of us who have Chearfully Subscribed our Names.

His Holeness Pope
His Impudance Mahomit
His Igmarance Pagan

### [39] Collins Complaint — A Song —

- Difparing befide a Cleair Streem, —
   A Sheppard forfaiken was laid,
   And whille a falls Nimph was his thame
   A Willow Supported his head. —
- 2 The Wind that blew over the plain to his Sigh with a Sigh did Reply And the brook in Return to his pain — Run Mournfully murmering by.
- 3 Alafs Silly Swain that I was thus Sadly Complaning he Cried When firfs I beheld that fair face it was better by farr that I had Died.
- 4 She talk'd and I blefs'd her dear Tongue When She Smiled it twas a pleafure too great I lifned and Cried when She Sung. Was Nightingale ever So Sweet.
- 5 How foolish was I to believe
  She would doat on So lowly a Clown
  or that her fond heart would not greive
  to forsake the fine folks in the town.
- 6 To think that A Beauty So gay
  So kind and So Conftant would prove,
  And go Clad like our Maidens in Gray
  And live in a Cottage on love.
- [40] 7 What though I have Skill to Complain though the mufes my Tempels have Crown'd What though when they hear my foft Strain the madins Sit Weeping around.
  - 8 Ah Collin thy hopes are in vain thy Pipe and thy laurel Repine thy fair one inclines to a Swain Whoes Muswick is Sweeter then thine.
  - 9 All you my Companions So dear Who is Sorry to See me betrayed, What ever I Suffer forbair, forbair to Acufe the fals maid

- Tough through the Wide World I Should Range it is vain from my fortain to flye it was hers to be fals and to Change it is mine to be Constant and Die.
- II If while my hard fait I Sustain in her breast any Pitty is found let her Come with the Nimps of the plain and See me laid low in the Ground.
- 12 The last humble boon that I Crave is to Shade me with Cyprus and yew. and when She looks down in my Grave, let her own that her Sheepard was true
- 13 Then to her new love let her go and deck her in golden aray be finest at Every fine Show and frollick it all the long Day
- [41] 14 While Collin forgotten and gone no more to be talkd of or Seen unlefs when beneath the pale moon, his ghoft Shall glide over the green.

in Congress April the 10<sup>th</sup> 1780 Resolvd That when Congress Shall be furnshed with proper documents to Liquidate the depreciation of the Continental bills of Creit they will as Soon thareafter as the State of the financeas will admit, make good the line of the Army and the independant Corps thereof the Deficiency of their original pay occasioned by Such depraasion and that the money and Articles heretofore paid or furnished or hereafter to be paid or furnished by Congress or the States or any of them as pay Subsistance or to Compiansate for Deficences, Shall be deemed advanced on account untill Such Liquidation as aforsaid Shall be adgusted, it being the determination of Congress that all the troops Serving in the Continantel Army Shall be placed on an eaqual footing, Provided that no person Shall have any benist of their resolution except Such as ware engaged during the war or for three years, and are now in Servace or Shall hereafter engage during the war.

Refolved. That a Committee of three be appointed to Report a proper Compenfation to the Staff of the Army. in Confequence of the depreciation of the Currency. [42] What means the tolling Sound of Flat land bell. or Crouds of prisoners there pray tell Tis the departer of Some friend I fear A Pitying beusing Sigh acosts my ear A Prisoner gone the murmring winds reply In abfent Cruel Capture doom'd to die Tis Grace is dead a worthy generous youth of manners honest Soul replet with truth Early in life he trod the martial Stage Fir'd with his Countrys honest worthy rage He lent his willing youthfull hand To guide their noble generous band As Soon fate fix'd his hard decree His Cruel much lamented deftiny A Captive forcd his tedious time to Spend A Prisoner doom'd his lingring life to end Far from his hopes relations friends Lament we now his early Silent death His eafy willing part with breath Nor Could honour Save from deaths Sad grafp or virtue aid impart in dying gafp These lines would not have record made And Grace 1 would yet have with us Staid April 5th 1780

# [43] On her being brought from Africk to Americk.

Twas mercy brought me from my Pagan land Taught my benighted Soul to understand That there is a God that there is a Saviour too onest I Redemtion never Sought nor knew. Som vew our Sable race with Scornfull eye; Their Colour is a diabolic die... Remember Christians Negros black as Cain May be Refind and joine the angelic train.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Richard Grace, on the Long Island Prisoners List, Diary Number One, as Number 46 of First Lieutenants.

### Pharamonds Edict against Duels.

Pharamonds King of the Gauls, to all his loving Subjects Sendeth Greeting.

Whereas it has Come to our Royal notice and Observation that in Contempt of all laws Divine and humain, it is of late become a Custom among the Nobility and Gentery of this our Kingdom upon Slight and trivial as well as great and urgant Provications, to invite each other in to the field there by their own Hands and of their own Authority, to decide their Controversies by Combat, we have thought fit to take the Said Custom into our Royal Consideration and find, upon Enquirey into the usual Causes whereon Such fatal Decisions have arisen that by [44] this wicked Custom, maugre all the Precepts of our holy Religion, and the Rules of right Reason the greatest Act. of the humain Mind. Forgiveness of Inguries is become vile and Shameful: that the Rules of good Society and virtuous Conversation are hearby inverted that the Loofe, the Vain and the Impudent, infult the Careful the Difcreet and the Modest: that all Virtue is Suppressed, and all vice Supported in the one Act of being Capable to dare to the Death. We have also further, with great Sorrow of Mind observed that this dreadfull Action, by long Impunity our Royal Attention being employed upon matters of more General Concern, is become honourable, and the Refufal to engage in it ignominious. in these our Royal Cares and Enquiries we are yet farther made to understand that the Persons of most eminent worth, and most hopeful Abilities, accompined with the Strongest Passion for true Glory, are Such as are most liable to be involved in the Danger Arising from this licence, now taking the Said premifes into our Serious Confideration, and well weighing that all Such Emergencies wherein the mind is incapable of Commanding it Self, and where the Injury is too Sudden or too exquifite to be borne are particularly provided for by laws heretofore enacted: and that the Qualites of less Injuries: like those of Ingratitude are too nice and and dilicate to Come under General Rules: we do refolve to blot this fashion or wantonness of Anger out of the minds of our Subjects by our Royal Refolutions declare in this Edict as follow.

[45] No perfon who either Sends or accepts a Challenge or the posterity of either. tho' no Death ensues thereupon Shall be after the publication of this our Edict, Capable of bearing office in these our Dominions.

The perfon who Shall prove the Sending or Receiving A Challenge, Shall receive to his own use and property, the whole personal Estate of both parties, and their real Estate Shall be immediatly vested in the next Heir of the offenders, in as ample Manner as if the Said offenders were actually deceased.

In Case where the Laws, which we have already granted to our Subjects admit of an Appeal for blood when the Criminal is Condemned by the Said Appeal, he Shall not only Suffer Death, but his whole Estate real mixed and personal Shall from the hour of his death be vested in the next Heir of the person whose Blood he Spilt.

That it Shall not hereafter be in our Royal Power, or that of our Succossors, to pardon the Said offences. or Restor the offenders in their Estates, Honour or Blood forever.

Given at our Court at Blois the 8th of February. 420 In the Second year of our Reign.

Copied by Rufus Lincoln while on parole at the residence of Petrus Ammerman, Flatlands, Kings County, July 17-1780.





THIS book is of home manufacture, oblong in shape (end fold), the cover being made by pasting a number of the first pages together, the size of page being about 5½ by 9 inches.

One part has been used as an account book, for personal entries, the other contains Acts of Congress, Washington's address at New Windsor, in relation to the Hamilton Imbroglio, or the attempt to cause the troops to mutiny on account of the shameful treatment the army had received from Congress.

This whole matter is here given from Jared Sparks' Letters of General Washington, to complete Rufus Lincoln's story.

The farewell letter of Galvan is a curious epistle. All that I can ascertain about him is, that he was a French officer, an aide to General Lafayette. His name is mentioned as the bearer of a letter to General Washington from General Lafayette. He was in the service December 28, 1779, mentioned in a letter to Congress. (Journals of Congress, 1778–1782, vol. iii. p. 416.)

The part relating to the army was written at New Windsor (Newburgh), at the camp, and the personal entries at his home in Taunton, Mass., after the war.

# DIARY NUMBER FIVE

# [1] By the United States in Congress assembled March 22 1783

on the report of a committee to whom was referred a motion of Mr Dyre, together with a momaral of the officers of the army, and the report of the committee thereon, Congress came to the following resolutions. Wheras the officers of the Several lines under the immeadite Command of his Excelency Gen<sup>1</sup> Washington did by there late memorale transmitte by there Committee represented to Congress, that the half pay granted by Sundery resolutions was regarded in an unreasinable light by the citizens of Some of these States, who would prefer a compensation for a limited time of years or by a Sum in grose to an establishment for life and on that account Salicite a commutation of thier half pay for an Equivalent in one of the two modes above mentioned in order to remove all Subject of disapprobation from the minds of their fellow citizens.

and where as Congress are desirous [2] as well of gratting the resonable expatations of the officers as of removing all objections which may exsite in any part of the United States to the prinsaple of the half pay Establishment, for which the faith of the United States hath been pledged, persuaded that there objections can only arise from the nature of a compensation not from any indisposition to compensate those whose Services Sacrifices and Suffirings, have So just a title to the approbation and rewards of their Countrey

### Therefore Resolved

That such officers as are now in Service and Shall continue there in to the end of the war Shall be intitled to receive the amount of five years full pay in money or Sucurities on intrest at Six percent p<sup>r</sup> annum as Congress Shall find most convenant instead of the half pay promised for life. by the resolution of the 21<sup>th</sup> day of october 1780 thee Several Securites to be Such as Shall be given to other creditors of the United States,

[3] Provided that it be at the option of the lines of the respetive States, and not of officers indivudaly in those lines to accept or refuse the Same and provided also that their Election Shall be Signified to Congress through the Commander in Chif from the lines under his immedeate command with in two months and through the Commander off the Southern army, with in Six months from the date of this Resolution

That the Same commutation Shall existe to the Corps not belonging to the lines of any perticular States, and who are intitled to half pay for life as aforsaid the acceptance or refusal to be detarminade and to be Signifed in the Same manner and wthin the Same time as above mentioned.

That all officers belonging to the hospital department who are intitled to half

pay by the resolution of the 17<sup>th</sup> day of Jany 1781 may Colitively agree to accept or refuse [4] the afforsaid commutation Signifying the Same through the Commander in Cheif within Six months from this time

That all the officers that have retired at different Periods entitled to half pay for life, may collectively in each State of which they are inhabitance accept or refuse the Same their aceptance or refusal to be Signifed by agents authorised for that purpose within Six months from this period

That with respect to retiring officers the commutation if accepted by them Shall be in lue of what ever may be now due to them Since the time of their retiring from Service, as well as what hereafter become due, and that So Soon as their acceptance Shall be Siginified, the Superentant of finiances be, and he is hereby directed to take measures for the Settlments of thare accounts accordingly and to ifue to them Certificats bearing intrest at Six pr Sent

[5] That all officers intitled to half pay for life not included in the proceeding resolution may also Colectively agree to accept or refuse the aforsaid commutation, Signafying the Same with in Six months from this time.

Extrace from General Orders

R. Lincoln

### The Galvon Letter

[6] Adue my dear friends. Life has become a burthen to me. I Shake it off. Men who do not reflect will accuse me of wekness, they will be mistaken. that Same courage which enabled me to meet death, would also Support me in bearing any degree of pain, But what end would answered by it? Love has extinguished, in me every other passion, and disqualifies me to follow any other pursut, by which my Country my friends, or my familey might might have Rec<sup>d</sup> any advantage: Why then Should I preferve it life useless to them and obnoxious to me. I regsin it Cooly and deliberatly. the onley regreet I carry with me, is, that the Sacrifice was made to my own rages and not to Some nobler and more distinguis'd motive.

[7] I entrust you my dear friend with my last will, have me buried decently, pay all my debts if what I leave hear is not Sufficent draw upon my Brother at Bayonne

I hope Bingham will take the trouble of this if necessary.

Send a Coppy of my will to my mother Madam Femenifadat at Dominica, and one to my above nam<sup>d</sup> Brother Francis Lewis Galvon, but let neither of them know the nature of my death, endeavour to conceale it or at least to make it as little publick as possible.

Take Care of Hector my Servant. I Should be glad he would live with my brother but untill he goes let him Stay with either of you he Chouses. present Hector to Miss Sally Shipping. Tell her my Graitude for her friendship well be one of the last Sentiments that dies within me. [8] Present my last Complimients let them be affectionate to all my friends male and semale you kno them. Let Such letters as will be directed to me be kept by Bingham, and deliverd or Sent to my Brother as he Shall direct

I Recomend him to the friendship of you three. Seal the letters you find on my table and Send them to the Resptive addresse

I have anexed to this accounts as exact as I can recollect of all my affairs hear All my effects (except my Linnen) with my papers I defire May be well Seald and kept under key at Binghams to be delevered to my brother if he returns hear, [9] or be dispos'd of as he Shall direct

The pistols are loaded. Adieu for the last time, Love me after my death as well as I did you while I was Alive Defend my memory against happy lovers, for I Suppose no unfortunate one will attack it. I march off as gaily and almost as eagerly as when my friend Gen<sup>1</sup> Wayne Sent me to attack Lord Cornwalles. I hope I Shall be more Succisfull in out flanking Love then the British army.

Galvon

You will not my dear Clarkson Call my Honour in Question. my Torments are more then I can bear. be indulgant to me forgive me.

# [10] An Address of his Excelency General Washington to the officers of his army who convend agreeable to his orders of the IIth of March 1783

### Gentlemen

By an anoymous Summons an attemp has been made to conven you to gether, how inconsenstant with the rules of Propriety, how unmilitery and how Subersive to all order and disipline let the good Sence of the army decide.

In the—— of this Summons and the anomonous production has been Sent into circulation, addrfsed more to the feelings and [11] Passions, then to the reason and Judgment of the army the author of the peace is intitled to much credit for the goodness of his pen and I could wish he had as much credit for the recitude of his heart, for as we see through diffrent obticks and are induced by the reflecting faculties of the mind to use diffirent means to obtain the Same end, the author of the address Should have had more Chrarity then to marke for Suspicion the man who Should recommend moradation and long forbarance, or in other words, who Should not think and act as he advised. But he had another plan in vew in which candour and libaralty of Sentiments, regard to justis, and love of our Country have no part [12] and he was right to insinuate the darkest Suspicions to effect the blakest designs.

That the address is drawn with great art and design to answer the most insidous purpose that it is calculated to impress the mind with an idea of premitated injustis in the Sovereign power of the United States and rouse all those sentiments which must unavoidably flow from a belief that the Secret author of this Scheme (whoever he may be) intended to take advantage of passions while they ware Warmed with recolletions of past distresses with out giving time for cool delibration, thinking that composur of mind which is So necessary to give dignaty and Stability to measures, is rendred too obvious [13] by the modes of conducting the buisness to need other proof of than that Referance be had to the Proceading

This much Gentlemen I have thought incombant, upon me to observe to Shew to you upon what principles I oppose the irrigular and hasty meeting which was proposed on Tuesday last, and not that I want a disposition to give you every opportunity Conftstant your own honor and the dignaty of the Army to make known your grievences

If my conduct heartofore has not evidenced to you that I have been a faithfull friend to the army my declaration of it at this time will be equally unavaling and improper, but as I was among the first who embarked in the [14] Common cause of our Country, as I have never left your Side one moment, but when called from you by public duty, as I have been the constant companion and witnefs of your distrefs, and not among the last to acknowledge your merits, as I have ever confidred my own millitery reputation as inseparably connected with that of the army, as my heart has ever expanded with joy whenever I have heard of its praises and my indignation has arisen when the mouth of detestation has been opned against it, it fcarcely can be Supposed at this late Stage of the war that I am indiffirant to its intrest, but how are they to be promoted, the way is plain Says the anonymous addrefser, [15] if war continues, remove into the unsetled country, there establish yourselves and leave

an ungratifull country to defend itself: but who are they to defend our wifes our childrin, our farmes and other property which we leave behind us, or in this State of hostility Seperation, were we to take the two first (the later cannot be removed) to perish in a willdernefs with hunger, cold and nakednefs: If peace takes place, never sheth your Swords Says he untill you have obtaind a full and ample Juftis, this dreadfull alternative of either deftroying our Country in the extreemest hour of diftrefs, or turning our arms against it [16] (which is the aparant object unlefs Congrefs can be complled to inftant compliance) has Something so Shaking in it that humanity revals at the Idea — My god what can the wrighter have in vew by recommending Such meafures, can he be a friend to his country: Rather is he not an insedious foe, Some emifsary prehaps from New York, plotting the ruin of both, by Sowing the Seeds of difcord and Sepration between the civil and military powers of the continant, and what a Compliment dose he pay to our understanding, when he recommends measures which either alternative are impracticable in their nature.

But hear gentlemen I will drop the curtin, because — it [17] would be as imprudant in me to assign my reasons for this oppinion as it would be insulting yours to Suppose you Stood in need of them, a moment reflection will convince every dispassonet mind of the physical impossibility of carving either proposal in to excution.

There might Gentlemen appear an improprity in my taking notice of this addrefs to you, but in a manner in which that preformance has been introduced to the army, the effect it was intended to have together with Some other circumstances will amply Justify my observations on the tendency of that wrighting with Respect to the advice givin by the author, [18] to Suspect the man who would recomend moderate measures and long forbarance I Spurn it, as every man who regards that liberty and revers that Justis for which we contended undoubteley must, if men are to be preculueded from offiring their Sentiments in a matter which may involve them into the most Serious and alarming consequences, that can invite the consideration of mankind, reason is of no use to us, the freedom of Speach may be taken away from us and dumb and silent we may be lead to the Slaughter like Sheep.

I cannot in Justice to my own belief and what I have great reason to conceive is the intentions [19] of Congress, Conclude this address without giving it as my oppinion that this honourable Body entertain exalted Sentiments of the Service of the army, and from a full conviction of its merits and Suffirings will do it complete Justice: that their endevers to discover and establish funds far the purpose have been unwared and will not cease untill they have Succeeded I have not a doubt, but like all large Bodies where there are a virety of intrest to reconcile their delibrations are Slow;

Why then Should wee distrust them: and in conciquence of that distrust adopt measuers which may cast a Shade over that glory So Justly acquried [20] and tarnish the reputation of an army which is celebrated through all Europe for its fortitude and Partratism and for what is this done to, bring the object we Seek for nearer? no? most certaingly in my oppinion it will cast it at a greater distance—for my self and I take no merrit in giving the assurance, being conducted to do it from principles of gratitude verasity and Justis a greatfull Sence of the confidence you have ever placed in me—recollections of chearfull assistance and prompt obidance I have

ever experienced from your endevering every vicefsitude of fortuan and a fincere affection I feel for an army [21] I have So long had the honor to Command will ablig me to decline in this publick and Solemn manner that in the attainment of complete Justice for all your toils and dangers, and in the greatest of every wish So far as may be done Consistant with the great duty I owe my Country and those persons wee are bound to respect may freely command my Service to the utmost of my abilities. While I give you those assurances and pledge my Self in the most unequivocal manner to exert what ever oblity, I am possessed of in your faivour, leet me intreet you, Gentlemen, on your own part, not to take any measures [22] which in the Calm light of reason will lefsen the dignity and Sully the glory you have heartofore maintaind, let me requeest you to rely on the plighted faith of your country and place a full confidance in, of the Union if Congress, that previous to dissolution as an army they will cause all your accounts to be fairley liquidated as directed in their Resolutions which were published to you two days ago, and that they will adopt the most effectual measures in their power to render compleet Justis to you for your faithfull and meditoras Serving, and let me conjure you in the [23] name of our common country as you value your own Sacred honor, as you expect the rights of humanity and as you regard the military and national charracter of America, to express your utmost horror and detestation of the man who wishes under any Speicous pretentions to overturn the liberty of our country and who wickedly attempts to open the flood gates of civil discord and deluge our rising empire in blood. — By thus determining and thus acting you will persue the plain direct road to the attainment of your wishes; you will defeat the insidous design of our enemies who are compelled [24] to resort from forse to secret Artifices you give one more distingiushed proof of unexampled patriotism and patient virtue rising Superior to the presure of the most complicated Suffirings, and you will by the dignity of your conduct afford ocasion for posterity to Say, when Speaking of the glorious exampels you have exhibited mankind, had this been wanting the world would had never Seen the last Stage of perfection to which human nature is able of attaining. -

Signd G. Washington

[25] His Exclency Gen¹ Washington having with drawn Major Gen¹ Gates the Senior officer present. On a motion made by Major Gen¹ Knox and Secondd by B.Gen¹ Putnam Resolved

That the unanimous thanks of the officers of the army be presented to his Excelency the Commander in cheif for his Excellent address and the communications he has been pleased to make to them — and to assure him that the officers reciprocate his effectionate expressions with the greatest Sincrety of which the human heart is capable.

[26] The address from the Army to Congress, the report of the Committe from the Army and the resalutions of Congress of the 25th of Jany. being read — on a motion by B.Genl Putnam Seconded by B.Genl Hand

Voted

That a Committee be appointed immedeately to draw up Some resolutions, expressive of the buisness before us, and to report in half an hour. that this commette consist of one Gen¹ officer one field officer and one Captain

That Gen<sup>1</sup> Knox Col<sup>o</sup> Brooks and Captain Hayward compose [27] the Said committee—the report of the committee having been brought in and fully confidred

Refolved unanimously

That at the commencement of the present war the officers of the American army engaged in the Service of there country from the purest love and attachment to the rights and librty of human nature, which motives Still exist in the highest degree and that no circumstances of distress or danger Shall induce a conduct that may tend to Sully the reputation and glory which they have acquired at the price of there blood and eight years faithfull Services

### [28] Resolved unanimously

That the army continue to have an unshaken confidence in the justis of Congress and their country and are fully convinced that the representatives of America will not disband or disperce the Army until their accounts are liquidated, the ballances accurantly assertained and adequate funds established for payment, and in this arrangement the officers expect that the half pay or a commutation of it Should be efficaciously comprehended.

Refolved unanimously

That his Excelency the commander in cheif be requisted to write to his excelency the president of Congress earnessly intreating the most Spedy disision of that [29] honourable body upon the Subjects of our late address, which was forwarded by a committee of the Army Some of whom ware wating upon Congress for the result, In the alternative of peace or war this event would be highly Satisfactory, and would produce immediate tranquility in the minds of the army and prevent any further machinations of designing men to Sow discord between the civil and military powers of the United States.

Refolved unanimously

That the officers of the american army view with abhorranc and reject with disdain the infamous propositons contained in a late anonimous addrefs

#### THE HAMILTON IMBROGLIO

It is a well-known historical fact, that while the army was encamped at New Windsor (Newburgh), N. Y., a conspiracy was instigated by some of the officers, to lead the army to mutiny against Congress, who had most shamefully treated the men in every way.

An anonymous letter, dated March 10, 1783, was circulated, calling the men to array themselves against their rulers and to strike for their rights; a second letter was posted, calling for a meeting at a given time. General Washington, as commander in chief, called a meeting for a date when General Horatio Gates, being officer of the day, would preside.

It was well known that General Gates was dissatisfied, and was suspected of having a hand in the matter. Jared Sparks, in his "Writings of Washington," vol. viii. p. 555, says: "The letters were written by Major Armstrong (since General Armstrong), aide-de-camp to General Gates."

John Fiske, in his "Critical Period of American History," p. 114, says: "Major Armstrong wrote the letters, Colonel Barber caused them to be circulated throughout the camp, and the whole thing was instigated by General Gates."

Sparks says that the usual way for the circulation of news or orders was to post them at headquarters, and there the various aides gathered for orders or to bring reports. This anonymous letter was so posted, and the different aides wrote it out and so took it all over the camp.

Whether Rufus Lincoln was at the meeting is not known, but as the call issued by General Washington was "that the general, field and staff officers, with one representative from each company, will attend," it is probable that he was present.

I give the anonymous letter first posted, General Washington's general order for the meeting, and the second letter posted. Washington's address follows. Then the motions passed by the officers present, in a much more complete state than given in Rufus Lincoln's papers.

I would refer to Jared Sparks' "Writings of Washington," vol. viii. pp. 555-566, for the full

### ANONYMOUS NOTIFICATION

A meeting of the general and field officers is requested at the Public Building Tuesday next at eleven o'clock. A commissioned officer from each company is expected, and a delegate from the medical staff.

The object of this convention is, to consider the late letter from our representatives in Philadelphia, and what measures (if any) should be adopted, to obtain redress of grievances which they seem to have solicited in vain.

#### FIRST ANONYMOUS ADDRESS TO THE OFFICERS OF THE ARMY

A fellow soldier, whose interest and affections bind him strongly to you, whose past sufferings have been as great as yours, would beg leave to address you.

Age has claims, and rank is not without its pretensions to advice; but, though unsupported by both, he flatters himself, that the plain language of sincerity and experience will neither be unheard nor unregarded.

Like many of you he loved private life, and left it with regret. He left it, determined to retire from the field with the necessity that called him to it, and not till then: not till the enemies of his country, the slaves of power, and the hirelings of injustice were compelled to abandon their schemes, and acknowledge America as terrible in arms as she had been humble in remonstrance.

With this object in view he has long shared in your evils, and mingled in your dangers; he has felt the cold hand of poverty without a murmur, and has seen the insolence of wealth without a sigh. But too much under the direction of his wishes, and sometimes weak enough to mistake desire for opinion, he has till lately, very lately believed in the justice of his country. He hoped, that as the clouds of adversity scattered, and as the sunshine of peace and better fortune broke in upon us, the coldness and severity of government would relax: and that more than justice, that gratitude, would blaze forth upon these hands, which had upheld her in the darkest stages of her passage from impending servitude to acknowledged independence.

But faith has its limits as well as temper; and there are points beyond which neither can be stretched without sinking into cowardice or plunging into credulity. This, my friends, I conceive to be your situation; hurried to the very verge of both, another step would ruin you for ever. To be tame and unprovoked, when injuries press hard upon you, is more than weakness; but to look up for kinder usage, without one manly effort of your own, would fix your character, and show the world how richly you deserve those chains you broke. To guard against this evil, let us take a review of the ground upon which we now stand, and from thence carry our thoughts forward for a moment into the unexplored field of expedient.

After a pursuit of seven long years, the object for which we set out is at length brought within our reach. Yes, my friends, that suffering courage of yours was active once: it has conducted the United States of America through a doubtful bloody war; it has placed her in the chair of independency, and peace returns to bless — whom? A country willing to redress your wrongs, cherish your worth, and reward your services? A country courting your return to private life, with tears of gratitude and smiles of admiration, longing to divide with you that independency which your gallantry has given, and those riches which your wounds have preserved? Is this the case? Or is it rather a country that tramples upon your rights, disdains your cries, and insults your distresses?

Have you not more than once suggested your wishes, and made known your wants to Congress, wants and wishes, which gratitude and policy should have anticipated rather than evaded?

And have you not lately, in the weak language of entreating memorials, begged from their justice, what you could no longer expect from their favor? How have you been answered? Let the letter which you are called to consider to-morrow, make reply.

If this then be your treatment, while the swords you wear are necessary for the defence of America, what have you to expect from peace, when your voice shall sink, and your strength dissipate by division; when those very swords, the instruments and companions, of your glory, shall be taken from your sides, and no remaining mark of military distinction left but your wants, infirmities, and scars? Can you then consent to be the only sufferers by this revolution, and, retiring from the field grow old in poverty, wretchedness, and contempt? Can you consent to wade through the vile mire of despondency and owe the miserable remnant of that life to charity, which has hitherto been spent in honor? If you can, go, and carry with you the jest of Tories, and the scorn of Whigs: the ridicule, and what is worse, the pity of the world!

Go, starve and be forgotten! But if your spirits should revolt at this; if you have sense enough to discover and spirit sufficient to oppose tyranny, under whatever garb it may assume, whether it be the plain coat of republicanism, or the splendid robe of royalty; if you have yet learned to discriminate between a people and a cause, between men and principles: awake, attend to your situation, and redress yourselves! If the present moment be lost, every future effort is in vain; and your threats then will be as empty as your entreaties now.

I would advise you, therefore, to come to some final opinion upon what you can bear, and what you will suffer. If your determination be in any proportion to your wrongs, carry your appeal from the justice to the fears of government. Change the milk-and-water style of your last memorial. Assume a bolder tone, decent, but lively, spirited and determined: and suspect the man, who would advise to more moderation and longer forbearance. Let two or three men, who can feel as well as write, be appointed to draw up your last remonstrance, for I would no longer give it the suing, soft, unsuccessful epithet of memorial. Let it represent in language, that will neither dishonor you by its rudeness, nor betray you by its fears, what has been promised by Congress, and what has been performed: how long and how patiently you have suffered; how little you have asked, and how much of that little has been denied.

Tell them, that, though you were the first and would wish to be the last, to encounter danger, though despair itself can never drive you into dishonor, it may drive you from the field: that the wound, often irritated and never healed, may at length become incurable: and that the slightest mark of indignity from Congress now must operate like the grave, and part you for ever: that, in any political event, the army has its alternative of peace, that nothing shall separate you from your arms but death: if war, that courting the auspices, and inviting the direction of your illustrious leader, you will retire to some unsettled country, smile in your turn and mock when their fear cometh on." But let it represent, also, that should they comply with the request of your late memorial, it would make you more happy and them respectable: that, while war should continue, you would follow their standard into the field: and when it came to an end, you would withdraw into the shade of private life, and give the world another subject of wonder and applause; an army victorious over its enemies, victorious over itself.

In consequence of the circulation of these papers, the subsequent orders were issued March 11.

#### GENERAL ORDERS

The Commander in chief, having heard that a general meeting of the officers of the army was proposed to be held this day at the New Building, in an anonymous paper, which was circulated yesterday, by some unknown person, conceives (although he is fully persuaded that the good sense of the officers would induce them to pay very little attention to such irregular invitation) his duty, as well as the reputation and true interest of the army, requires his disapprobation of such disorderly proceedings: at the same time he requests, that the general and field officers, with one officer from each company, and a proper representation of the staff of the army, will assemble at twelve

o'clock on Saturday next at the New Building, to hear the report of the committee of the army to Congress.

After mature deliberation they will devise what further measures ought to be adopted, as most rational, and best calculated to attain the just and important object in view.

The Senior officer in rank present will be pleased to preside, and report the result of their deliberations to the Commander in chief.

### SECOND ANONYMOUS ADDRESS TO THE OFFICERS OF THE ARMY

Gentlemen.

The author of a late address, anxious to deserve, though he should fail to engage your esteem, and determined at every risk to unfold your duty and discharge his own, would beg leave to solicit the further indulgence of a few moments' attention.

Aware of the coyness with which his last letter would be received, he feels himself neither disappointed nor displeased with the caution it has met. He well knew, that it spoke a language, which till now had been heard only in whispers: and that it contained some sentiments, which confidence itself would have breathed with distrust.

But their lives have been short, and their observations imperfect indeed, who have yet to learn, that alarms may be false: that the best designs are sometimes obliged to assume the worst aspect: and that, however synonymous surprise and disaster may be in military phrase, in moral and political meaning they convey ideas as different as they are distinct. Suspicion, detestable as it is in private life, is the loveliest trait of political characters. It prompts you to inquiry, bars the door against design, and opens every avenue to truth. It was the first to oppose a tyrant here, and still stands sentinel over the liberties of America. With this belief, it would ill become me to stifle the voice of this honest guardian: a guardian who (authorized by circumstances digested into proof) has herself given birth to the address you have read, and now goes forth among you, with a request to all, that it may be treated fairly: that it be considered, before it be abused, and condemned, before it be tortured: convinced that, in a search after error, truth will appear; that apathy itself will grow warm in the pursuit, though it will be the last to adopt her advice, it will be the first to act upon it.

The General Orders of yesterday which the weak may mistake for disapprobation, and the designing dare to represent as such, wear in my opinion a very different complexion, and carries with it a very opposite tendency.

Till now, the Commander in chief has regarded the steps you have taken for redress with good wishes alone: his ostensible silence has authorized your meetings, and his private opinion has sanctified your claims. Had he disliked the object in view, would not the same sense of duty, which forbade you from meeting on the third day of the week, have forbidden you from meeting on the seventh? Is not the same subject held up for your discussion, and has it not passed the seal of office, and taken all the solemnity of an order? This will give system to your proceedings, and stability to your resolves. It will ripen speculation into fact; and, while it adds to the unanimity, it cannot possibly lessen the independency of your sentiments. It may be necessary to add upon this subject, that, from the injunction with which the General Orders close, every man is at liberty to conclude, that the report to be made to Head Quarters is intended for Congress. Hence will arise another motive for that energy, which has been recommended. For can you give the lie to the pathetic descriptions of your representations, and the more alarming predictions of your friends?

To such, as make a want of signature an objection to opinion, I reply, that it matters very little who is the author of sentiments which grow out of your feelings, and apply to your wants: that in this instance diffidence suggested what experience enjoins: and, that, while I continue to move on the high road of argument and advice, which is open to all, I shall continue to be the sole confidant of my own secret. But should the time come, when it shall be necessary to depart from this general line, and hold up any individual among you as an object of the resentment or contempt of the rest, I thus publicly pledge my honor as a soldier, and veracity as a man, that I will assume a visible existence, and give my name to the army, with as little reserve as I now give my opinions.

Conformably to the notifications given in the General Orders of the 11<sup>th</sup> a meeting of the officers was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> at the hour and place appointed. General Gates as the senior officer presided. The meeting was opened by the Commander in chief, who read the following.

### GENERAL WASHINGTON'S ADDRESS

(as given by Rufus Lincoln, page 96 ante).

After reading the address the Commander in chief retired, and the following resolutions were adopted:—

"On motion made by Genl Knox, and seconded by Genl Putnam."

"Resolved. That the unanimous thanks of the army be presented to his Excellency, the Commander in chief, for his excellent address, and the communications he has been pleased to make to them: and to assure him, that the officers reciprocate his affectionate expressions, with the greatest sincerity of which the human heart is capable."

"The Address from the Army to Congress, the report of the Committee from the Army, and the resolutions of Congress of the 25th January being read, on a motion by Gen¹ Putnam, seconded by General Hand.

"Voted. That a Committee be appointed immediately to draw up some resolutions expressive of the business before us, and report in half an hour: that the Committee consist of one general, one field officer, and one captain.

"That General Knox, Col. Brooks, and Captain Howard, compose said Committee.

"The report of the Committee having been brought in and fully considered.

"Resolved, unanimously, That at the commencement of the present war, the officers of the American Army engaged in the service of their country from the purest love and attachment to the rights and liberties of human nature; which motives still exist in the highest degree; and that no circumstance of distress or danger shall induce a conduct, that may tend to sully the reputation and glory, which they have acquired at the price of their blood and eight years of faithful services.

"Resolved unanimously, That the army continue to have an unshaken confidence in the justice of Congress and their country, and are fully convinced, that the representatives of America will not disband nor disperse the army until their accounts are liquidated, the balances accurately ascertained, and adequate funds established for payment. And, in this arrangement the officers expect that the half pay, or commutation of it, should be efficaciously comprehended.

"Resolved unanimously, That his Excellency the Commander in chief be requested to write to his Excellency the President of Congress, earnestly entreating the more speedy decision of that honourable body upon the subject of our late address, which was forwarded by a committee of the army, some of whom are waiting upon Congress for the result. In the alternative of peace or war, this event would be highly satisfactory, and would produce immediate tranquillity in the minds of the army, and prevent any further machinations of designing men to sow discord between the civil and military powers of the United States.

"Resolved unanimously, That the officers of the American Army view with abhorrence, and reject with disdain, the infamous propositions contained in a late anonymous address to the officers of the army, and resent with indignation the secret attempts of some unknown persons to collect the officers together in a manner totally subversive of all discipline and good order.

"Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of the officers of the army be given to the committee who presented to Congress the late address of the army, for the wisdom and prudence with which they have conducted that business: and that a copy of the proceedings of this day be transmitted by the President to Major-General McDougall, and that he be requested to continue his solicitation at Congress until the objects of his mission are accomplished."

These proceedings were signed by Gen¹ Gates as president of the meeting, and on the 18th the approbation of General Washington was expressed in public orders, as follows:—

"The Commander in chief is highly satisfied with the report of the proceedings of the officers

<sup>1</sup> Colonel of the 7th Mass., the Regiment of which Rufus Lincoln was Captain of the Fourth Company.

assembled on the 15<sup>th</sup> instant, in obedience to the order of the 11<sup>th</sup>. He begs his inability to communicate an adequate idea of the pleasing feelings, which have been excited in his breast by the affectionate sentiments expressed towards him on that occasion, may be considered as an apology for his silence."

The results of the proceedings and the above papers were transmitted to Congress, and the doings of that body on the subject of the complaints of the army may be seen in the Journals under date of March 22, 1783. The anonymous notification and addresses were circulated among the officers in manuscript. The originals were carried by a major, who was a deputy inspector under Baron Steuben, to the adjutant-general's office, where every morning there assembled aides-decamp, majors of brigades, and adjutants of regiments, all of whom, that chose to do so, took copies and circulated them. The above letters, etc., are copied from the Journal of Congress, and may be considered authentic. Among the transcribers was the adjutant of the general's guard, who probably furnished the copy sent to Congress as above.

HEAD QUARTERS NEWBURGH June 2th 1783

[30] The honourable the Congress have been pleased to pass the followwing Refolves. By the United States in Congress assmbelled on motion Resolved.

That the Commander in Cheif be instructed to grant furloughs to noncommissioned officers and Solders in the Service of the united States inlisted to Serve during the war who Shall be discharged as Soon as the difinitive treaty of peace is concluded, to gether with a proportinable number of commissioned officers of diffirant grades and that the Secerety at war and the Commander in Cheif take proper measures [31] for conducting those troops to their respective homes, in Such a manner as may be most convenent to themselves and the States through which they pass, and and that the men thus furloughd be allowed to take their arms with them.

In consequence of the preseding resolution Colonels and commadants of Regts and corps will immeaditly make returns of the number of the men who will be entitled to furloughs, to the Commanding officers of the Several State lines, who will make report thereof to Head Quarters at the Same time returns are to be made of the [32] Noncommissioned officers and privats who will not be included in the above discription these returns must be made to comport with the muster rolls, with which they will be compared with at the inspecters office.

A sufficeent number of officers of the Several grades, to command the troops who will remain in the field must continue with them they are requisted to make this a matter of agreement among them selves, the commanding officers of lines will Superintend and endever to accommodate the business to the Satisfaction of all consernd

The pay masters of Regiments [33] and such other officers in each as may be appointed to act as a Regimental agent for the occation will also remain with the army to aid in the Settelment of accounts, the paymasters and agents having attended the complition of the builfness, will distribute the results of the Settelments agreeable to the infructions they may Receive from the officers of the Corps

The QMafter Gen<sup>1</sup> will have a Suffiant number of furlougs provided as Soon as may be.

The commander in chief wishes to give every filicety in his power towards carrying the [34] proposed measures in to effect with as great convenence and Satisfaction to the troops as possible—for this purpose the contractors are directed to lay up adequeate Supplies of provision at the Several posts and places on the rout where it will be necessary.

Generals and commanding officers of lines will be pleased to make the intire arangments for marching the troops of their respective States to their homes—they will receive further instructions on the Subject.

The commander in chief is pleased, to grant a full and free pardon to all non-commissioned officers and privats now in confinment and they are to be liberated accordingly

[35] My Watch which I had of Solomon Dun made by John Stroud No 235 London R Lincoln

Taunton Oct<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1788, — Rec<sup>d</sup> of Minor Sprague A due Bill on David Carver for one pound three Shillings to be paid in goods out of his Shop directed to pay Gen<sup>l</sup> Cobb for Doctring him out of S<sup>d</sup> Bill, which was 5/6<sup>d</sup> to pay to hannah Sprague 12/— Remains due to P. Sprague 5/6<sup>d</sup>. pr. Rufus Lincoln

March 21<sup>th</sup> 1789 this day Setteled with Cap<sup>t</sup> Burt and he Says that one third part of the five thousand of Shingels that was put on Board the Sloop Polley belongs to me

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	to Six yards of whitned toc Cloath 1/8 pr yd	0	10	0
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	and an hat	0	3	0
	to two yards of of Striped Cloath	0	4	0
June 26th 1789	Now due to Cate Burt 8/3d	I	17	2

[37]	Maj <sup>r</sup> H: Baylis to Rufus Lincoln D <sup>r</sup>	£	s	d
date Sept 2th 1788	to fourteen pounds and an half of Lam at			
•	3 <sup>d</sup> ½ pr pound	0	4	2
Octr 16th	to Eight feet of wood delivred to Mr Mabery	0	8	0
I 7 <sup>th</sup>	to thirty two pounds of Pork at /4 <sup>d</sup> pr pound	0	17	0
Octr 29 <sup>th</sup>	to Seven feet of wood Delivered to Mr Mabery		7	0
Novr 22th	to Six feet & an half of wood Delld to Mr Maber		6	6
Nov 26th	to three feet of wood Delivered to Mr Mabary	7 0	3	0

[38] June 6<sup>th</sup> 1788 this day left a Note I had againft Cap<sup>t</sup> John Fuller with Joseph Winslow of Freetown paid Samuel Paul 3<sup>s</sup>/ for pauftering my Colt

[39]	John Reid 2 <sup>d</sup> to Rufus Lincoln D <sup>r</sup>	£	s	d
Octr 15 <sup>th</sup> 1787 Decr Aprl 1788 June 27 <sup>th</sup>	to one buishel an half of Rye to one Load of wood delivered by Sa <sup>m</sup> Codding 2 <sup>d</sup> to one Coard of wood at to half A Cord of Wood to three pecks of Rye to two Shillings paid towards the Schole hous Jany. 14 <sup>th</sup> 1789 the above account was Setteled and found due to S <sup>d</sup> Reed thirteen Shillings & three pence  Rufus Lincoln	0 0 0 0 0 0	5 10 5 3 2	0 0 0 0 9 0
[40]	·Samuel Triscott to Rufus Lincoln Dr			
June 12 <sup>th</sup> 1787 June 30 <sup>th</sup>	to twenty fix pounds an half of Veal at 1/3 <sup>d</sup> pr pound to twelve pounds of Veal at 3 <sup>d</sup> / pr pound	£ 0 0	6 3	d 7
Nov <sup>r</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup> 1789	Nathaniel Lincoln Dr	£	s	d
Dec <sup>r</sup> 2	to one load of wood & my oxen to woork one day to one Cyder Barril	0	3 3	6

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[41] William Codding To Rufus Lincoln		$D^{r}$			
Jay 17 <sup>th</sup> 1787	to one hundred of pine Boards June 26 <sup>th</sup> 1787 the above account was Settled	£	s 6	d 0	
June 30 <sup>th</sup> 1787	Nathanil Lincoln Dr	£	s	d	
April 10 <sup>th</sup> 1788 Feby 10 <sup>th</sup> 1789 May 6 <sup>th</sup>	to Eleven pounds & three Quarters of veal to one pigg 6 <sup>d</sup> /2 a pound to Eight pounds of ten peny Nails to two days planting of Corn to one peck of Sead Corn	0 0 0 0	3 3 4 5 1	0 0 0 0	
June 6 <sup>th</sup> Aug. 1789 Octr 29 <sup>th</sup>	to half A day, planting potaters to forteen pounds and an of Veal /2 <sup>d</sup> ½ pr lb to one Calf Skin to hard Cash	0 0 0	3 3 18	3 7 8 0	

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Elisha Briggs to Rufus Lincoln

to hard Cash

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Nov <sup>r</sup> 13 <sup>th</sup> 1786	to one Quarter of Beef	£	s 18	d 9
14 . 6 13 . 11 0 7	April 28th 1787 this day Recokned & Setled Elisha Briggs and Rufus Lincoln all accounts and found due to Sd Lincoln four Shillings & Six pence as witnes our hands Elisha Brggs			
May 15 <sup>th</sup> 1787	Elisha Briggs to Rufus Lincoln Dr	£	s	d
Aug <sup>t</sup> Nov <sup>r</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup>	to Seven pecks of Potataters at 1/6 <sup>d</sup> pr bushiel to one Bucshel of Rye to fifteen pounds of Beef 3 <sup>d</sup> / pr pound Balance due when Recokned	0 0 0	2 4 3 4 14	3 0 9 6
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June 1781	to Sunderys of Cloathng Rec <sup>d</sup> of Lt Samson which he took A Recept in Cap <sup>t</sup> Fullors name the amount according to S <sup>d</sup> Fullors account	£	s	d 5
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		14	19	5
	June 27 <sup>th</sup> 1788  Rec <sup>d</sup> of Elkanah Tisdul twenty two pounds of flax Recckned at 7 <sup>d</sup> pr pound			
[44]	Samuel Porter to Rufus Lincoln Dr			
July 11th 1785	to one pound four Shillings paid to John	£	s	d
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June 18 <sup>th</sup> 1788 my Colt went to pauster to Capt Smith	May 10 <sup>th</sup> 1788 my Colt went to pauster to Samuel Pallo Barkley			
[45]	Nathan Cobb to Rufus Lincoln Dr		•	
July 11th 1785	to one pound four Shillings paid to John	£	S	d
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	April 26th 1787 Nathan Cobb Creadit to	£	s	d
	Seting two Shoes	0	0	8
	June 20th 1787 to Sundrey	0	2	2

[46] Feby 1784

John Reid Jr to Rufus Lincoln Dr
for my hors to Dighton

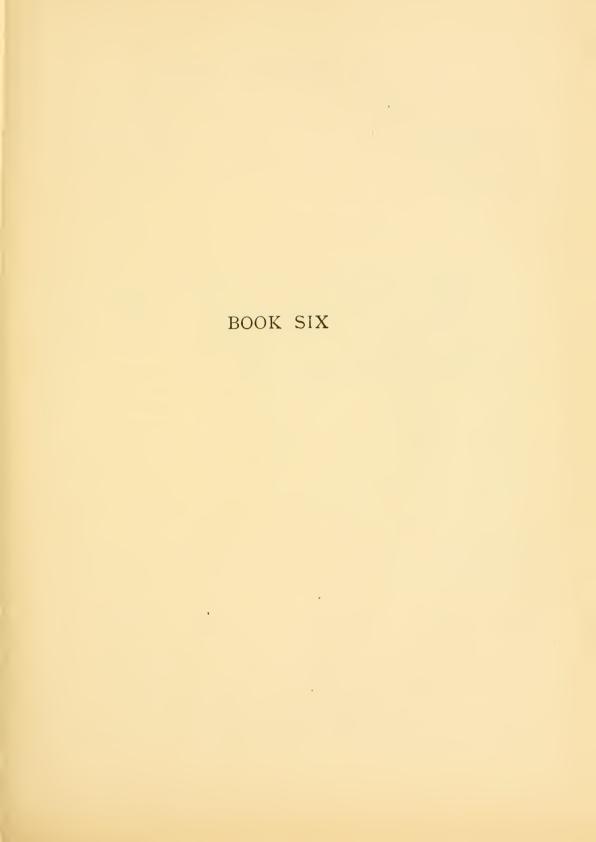
May 12<sup>th</sup> 1784
George Tisdil to Rufus Lincoln
Dr to half a baril of flower
£ s. d. Rufus Lincoln
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May 27<sup>th</sup> 1784 my hors went to M<sup>r</sup> fish's pauster

June 24<sup>th</sup> 1784 my hors went in to Cap<sup>t</sup> Tubbs pauster

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	13	12
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on order fifty	320	320
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THIS petition shows plainly the shameful manner in which Congress treated the Continental soldiers; neglected, starved, half clothed, either not paid at all or in a currency almost worthless, it is no wonder they nearly revolted, but a greater that they held firm and loyal to the cause.

General Washington did all that he could, and his address and tact, particularly in the time of trouble at New Windsor, turned the tables upon the conspirators, and won back the troops. This is the Memorial mentioned to Congress, which went unanswered, the bearers being kept waiting until their patience and that of the troops was exhausted.

# DIARY NUMBER SIX

THE PETITION OF THE ARMY AT NEW WINDSOR TO CONGRESS

[1] To the United States in Congress assembled

The Address and petition of the officers of their army most humbly Sheweth—
That we, the officers of your faithful army, in beholf of our Selves and our Brethren the Solders, beg leave, with all Proper deference and respect, freely to state to Congress the Supream power of the United States, the great distress under which we labor.

At this period of the war, it is with peculiar pain that we find ourselves constrained to address your august Body on matters of a pecunary nature. We have Struggled with our difficulties year after year, under the hope that each would be the last. But we have been disappointed. — We find our embarrassments thicken so fast and have becom So Complect, that many of us can go no further.

In this exigency we apply to Congress for relief as our Head and Sovereign. To prove that our hardships are exceedingly disproportioned to them of any other Citizens of America, let a recurrances be had to the pay masters accompts for four years past. If to this it Should be objected, that the respective States have made Settelments and given Securities for the pay due for part of that time, let the present value of those nominal obligations be asertained by the monied men, and they will be found to be worth little indeed, and yet triffling as they are, many have been under the Sad nesseety of parting with them, to prevent their familes from actually Starving. We complain that Shadowes have been offered to us, while the Substance has been gleaned by every person bearing the mark of civil authority throughout the United States. our situation Compels us to seearch for the cause of our extream poverty. The Citizens murmer at the greatness of their Taxes, and are astonished that no part reaches the Army, The numerous demands which are between the first Collecters and [2] and the Soldiery, Swallows up the whole

Our diffresses are now brought to a point. — We have borne all that men Can bear our property is expended our privat recourses are at an end — and our friends are wearied out and disgusted with our incessent applications. We therefore most Seriously and earnestly urge that a Supply of money be forwared to the army as soon as posable.

The uncasiness of the Solders for want of pay, is great and dangerous — any further experiments on their patience may have fatal effectes.

The promised Subsistance or Ration of provision Consists of certain Articels Specified in kind and quantity. — This Ration without regard, that we can conceive, to the health of the Troops has been frequently altered, as necessity or convenience Suggested, Generally losing by the change Some part of its Substance, — on an average not more than Seven or eight tenths have been issued.

The retained parts were for a Short time paid for, but the business beame

troublesome to those who were to regulate it. For this or Some other Reason all regard to those dues, as they respected the Solders, has been discontinued / now and then a triffiling gratuity excepted /. as those dues respected the officers, they were compensated, during one year and part of another, by an extra ration. as to the retained rations, the account for Several years remains unseteled there is a large balance due upon it.—and a considerable Sum on that of forage. The cloathing was another part of the Solders hire. the arrearages on that Score for the year 1779, were paid off in Continantal money, when that dollar was worth about four pence. The arrearages for the following years are Unliquidated, and we apprehend Scarcily thought of but by the Army

Whenever there has been a real want of meanes any defect in Systemes, or neglet in exeution, in the departments of the Army, we have invarably been the Suffers, by hunger and nakedness—by excessive and unreasonable labor and by languishment in an Hospittal

[3] We beg leave to urge an immediate adjustment of all dues. That as great a part as possible be paid and the remander put on such a footing, as will restore chearfulness to the Army, revive confidence in the Justice and generosity of its constituents and contribute to the very desirable effect of recestablishing public Credit.

We are Grived to find that our Brothern who retired from Service on half pay, under the resolution of Congress in 1780; are not only destitute of any effectual provision, but are become the Objects of Obloquy. There condition has a very discouring aspect on us, who must Sooner or later retire, and from consideration of Justice gratitude and policey demand attention & redress.

We regard the act of Congress respecting half pay, as an honorable and Just recompence for Sevral years hard Service, in which the Health and fortunes of the officers have been worn down and exhausted. We See, with chagrin, the odious point of view in which the citizens of too many of the States endever to place the men intitled to it we hope for the honour of human nature, that thoe are none So hardned in the Sin of ingratitude as to deny the justis of the reward.

We have reason to believe that the objection generaly is against the mode only — To prevent therefore any altercations and distenctions which may tend to injure that harmony, which we ardently disre may reign throughout the community, we are willing on our parts, to commete the half pay pledged, for full pay for a certain number of years or for a Sum in grofs, as Shall be agreed to by the committe Sent with this Address.

In this, we pray that the Solders who were the Subject of the Resolv of Congress of ——may be fully Comprehended.

To the representation now made the army hav not a doubt that Congress will pay all that attention which the Serious nature of it requirers — It would be criminal in the officers to conseal the general dissatisfaction which prevales, and is gaining Ground in the army; from the presure of evels and Injuries, [4] which in the course of Seven long years have made their Situation in many instances wretched.

They therefore intreeat that, to obeiate any ill consequences, which may arise from a dependance on the futer forebarance of the army, to convence the Solders and the world that, the independence of America Shall not be placed on the ruins of any particular class of citzens, Some mode may be pointed out for immediate relief.

# CAPT LINCOLN COMPANY BOOK

Oct 6th 1781

This is the retained copy, kept by Captain Rufus Lincoln, of the papers sent to Headquarters. It gives the names of his men, their ratings, Court-Martials, condition, quantity and quality of their equipment, and how poor and scanty it must have been from the records. It gives each Monthly Report, Inspection, etc., and an individual account with each man. The stealing and selling of some of the equipment subjected a man to a more severe penalty than desertion, as witness the penalties under the Court.

The book is in perfect condition, is well and strongly bound, size of pages 8 by 12 inches, of 115 double numbered pages.

### EXPLANATION OF TERMS IN EQUIPMENT LISTS

W. Overalls	Woolen Overalls Linen Overalls	A. Slings Wormes	Axe Sling Gun worm for drawing a charge
H. Shirts	Hunting Shirts	S. Drivers	Screwdriver
S Buckels	Shoe Buckles		( Brushes for cleaning the gun, and
H. Tents	Horseman's Tents	B&Wires	the wire for pricking the vent in
C. Tents	Common Tents		the pan
W. Tents	Wall Tents	Vallinces )	
Marquees	Officers Tents	Valuns	Bed curtains, or draperies?
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C. Kittils	Common Kettles	·	( A kind of lance or half halbard,
W. Bolles	Wooden Bowls		formerly serving as the distin-
H. Sacks	Haversacks	Esponts )	guishing arm for certain officers
K. Sacks	Knapsacks	Espontoons }	of the British Army, and for the
Portmanters )	( A ] +1	Spontoons	same purpose in the Continental
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B. Belts	Bayonet Belt	Piggins )	A small wooden bowl
S. Belts	Sword Belt	Biggins	11 Sman wooden bows
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G. Slings	Gun Sling	Musquettes )	A HILLIOUS HIMSECTS

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# THE COMPANY BOOK

[Fly Leaf]

James Ramond taken Prisoner Octr 17th 87 [1787]

John Putnum & Isaac Cady was Transfared Jany, the 24th 1782 to the Light Infantry

Nathaniel Bourn & John Oniel Deserted Mout -

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## Squad Roll Capt Lincoln's Compy

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# Sise Roll of Capt Lincolns Company 7th Mass. Regt

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- 1st Page Sise Roll of the Company
- 4th Regester of Furlougs Granted
- 6th Regester of men Tryed by Court Marshall
- 7th Regester of men Dead and Discharged
- 8th Regester of men Deserted
- 10th General Account of Clothing
- Account of Camp Equipage on the Dr Side is to be entred the articles Recd and from whoom with the Dates on the Cord Side the articles Delivered and to Whome as Delivered the Company Returned to the Quarter Master or Lost by nelegt &c
- Account of arms Amminision &c this to be kept in the Same manner as the Proceding
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- 57<sup>th</sup> Accounts must be opned for Each man with the Dates on the C<sup>r</sup> Side is Entred what became of the articals

### Example

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R. Lincoln

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April 30th 1782 Returnd to Q. Master I Gun I Bayonate 30 Cartrages 9 Balls 7 flents

# Squad Roll of Capt Lincolns Company July 5th 1782

### Sergt Tillys Squad

- I Noah Eaton
- 2 Nathan Fullar
- 3 James Willis
- 4 Shubal Bailey
- 5 Ifrael Smith 6 John Kimbil
- 7 Joel Lakan
- 8 Joel Suckermug
- o John Muckford
- 10 Thomas Spencer
- II Amma Dunham

### Corpl Evens Squad

- I Simeon Ricker
- 2 Moses Tylar
- 3 Solomon Goodail
- 4 Joseph Bates
- 5 Solfbury Hitchman
- 6 Elijah Bruce
- 7 Owens Lovell
- 8 Peter Nichols
- 9 George Ross
- 10 Joseph Williames
- II Jeduthun Dickinson

### Corpl Grayham Squad

- r Benjaman Stephens
- 2 Edmond Cafey
- 3 Samuel Dale
- 4 Ebnezer Demasque
- 5 Abner Ellit
- 6 Nathanil Johnston
- 7 Benjamin Perry
- 8 Noah Villas
- 9 Moses Johnston
- 10 Ralph ODanil

### Corpl Winfor Squad

- T Caleb Wood
- 2 William Biglow
- I Mofes Johnston
- Ralph ODaniel
- 5 Jesse Atwood6 Japhat Wood
- 7 Jabez Jolley
- 8 Sebre Simmons
- 9 Joshua Packard
- 10 William Henderson
- 11 William Bracey

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# Squad Roll of Capt Lincoln Company Augt 2th 82

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[6] Register of Furloughs Granted to Captain Lincolns Compy 7th Maft's Regiment

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[7] Register of Non Coma Officers & Soldiers in Capt Lincolns Compy who have been tryd by C. Marshall

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[8] Rezefter of Non Commisma officers and Privats in Capr Lincoln Company in the 7th Massi Regt Dead and Discharged

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[9] Regeller of Non Com<sup>d</sup> officers & Privats in Capt Lincolns Comy who have Deferted

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General Account of Arms and Accuterments in Capt Lincoln's Company

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Account of Arms Ammunition and Accoutrements that have been lost and Charged to the Non Commissioned Officers and Privates in Captain Lincolns Company

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[12] Account of Armes & Accounterments Reccod from Q Master by Capt Lincolns Compv

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Account of Armes & Accuterments Return<sup>d</sup> to the Quarter Master by Capt Lincolns Company

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[13] Inspection Return of Captain Lincolns Company 7th Massachusetts Regt in the Service of the United States comn<sup>d</sup> by John Brooks Esqr Lieut Col<sup>o</sup> Comm<sup>dt</sup> accounting for the cloathing drawn by the Company between the 1st of Nov<sup>r</sup> & 31 of Jan<sup>y</sup> inclusive specifying the casualties of Arms Accountements Camp Equipage & cloathing in the Mo. of Feb<sup>y</sup> & showing the present state of the Comp<sup>y</sup>

Names & Rank

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Register of Non Commissioned & Privats Solders who are intitled to honorary badges in Capt Lincoln's Company 7th Massachusetts Regt Augt 27th 1782—

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Rank —	Service	one	Two	Three	Remarks
Robart Cottle Serg <sup>t</sup> Peter Winfor Corp <sup>l</sup> James Willis Noah Eaton Nathan Fullar Ceafer Perry	Since 5 <sup>th</sup> April 1777 Since 21 <sup>th</sup> July 1777 Since 1 <sup>th</sup> March 1777 Since 24 <sup>th</sup> May 1779 Since 1 <sup>th</sup> June 1777 Since 1 <sup>th</sup> April 1777	I I I			R. Lincoln Capt

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Account of the Cloathing Recieved by the Non Commissined officers and Privats in Capt Lincolns Company in the 7<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Regiment for the year 1781 Oct<sup>r</sup> 26<sup>th</sup>

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Account of the Clothing Received by the Non Commissioned officers and Privats in Capt Lincolns Company 7th Massachusetts Regiment for the year 1782. November 1th

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Serg <sup>t</sup> Tubbs Serg <sup>t</sup> Simmons Serg <sup>t</sup> Tilley Serg <sup>t</sup> Cottle Serg <sup>t</sup> Evens Corp <sup>l</sup> Winsor Corp <sup>l</sup> Rofs Drum Jolley Fifer Simmons Na <sup>t</sup> Bowin	Deserted Feby 15 <sup>th</sup> 1782 Deserted Aug 13 <sup>th</sup> 1782
II	Joshua Packard	Deferted
12	Noah Eaton Nathan Fullar	Joind July 12 <sup>th</sup> 1782 Discharged Sep <sup>t</sup> 13 <sup>th</sup> 1782
13	James Willis	Discharged Dop 13 1702
15 16	Joel Suckermug Solomon Goodail	
17	Caefer Perry	
18	Solfbury Hitchman Mofes Johnston	
20	Jefse Atwood	Deferted Aug <sup>t</sup> 22 <sup>th</sup> 82
2 I 2 2	Shubal Bailey Jofeph Bates	
23 61	Elijah Bruce William Bonn	*Joined Octr 6th 1782
68	Henry Willson	*Joind Sept 16 <sup>th</sup> 1782
24 25	Israel Smith Fradrick Barney	Discharged June 21st 82
26	William Biglow	
27 28	Isaac Cady Joel Lakan	Transfard to light Infantry 24 Jany 82
29	Edmond Cafey Samuel Dale	Joind May 24th 1782
30 31	Ebne <sup>z</sup> Demasque	
32	Abner Ellit Frances Fullar	
33 34	John Hutchens	Discharged 21th June 82
35 36	Na <sup>t</sup> Johnston Owens Lovell	Transfard to Invilceds
37	John Muckford	
38 39	Peter Nichols John O'nal	
40	Benjim <sup>n</sup> Perry	Deserted March 2 <sup>th</sup> 1782
4I 42	John Putnam Prince Soward	Transfard to Light Infantry 21st Jany 82
43	Isaah Taylor	

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55 56 57 58 59 60	William Bracey Amma Dunham William Henderson William Betterley William Bagley	Joind July 23 do Joind July 28 do Joind July 6 do Joind augt 22 do Joind augt 26 do
61	James Ramond	Prisoner war Sold by Enemy

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Inspection Return of Captain Lincolns Company 7th Massachusetts Regt in the Services of the United States Community by John Brooks Esq. Lieut Colonel Comd. Acounting for the Cloathing drawn by the Company between the 1th of Nov. & 28 of Feb. inclusive specifying the casualties of Arms Ammunition Camp Equipage & Cloathing in the Month of March & Shewing the present State of the Same

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April 30<sup>th</sup> 1782

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the Company between the 1<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> & 31<sup>th</sup> of May Inclucive Specifing the Causiltis of

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Inspection Return of Cap<sup>t</sup> Lincoln<sup>s</sup> Company in 7<sup>th</sup> Mass Regt Comanded by L<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>p</sup> Com<sup>dr</sup> John Brooks Accounting for the Clothing drawn by the Comp<sup>w</sup> betwen the 1<sup>th</sup> of Jan<sup>w</sup> and 31<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> Inclucive Spesifing Casuities of Arms Acuertiments Aminition Camp Equipage & Clothing in the month of Aug<sup>t</sup> and Shuing the Present State

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Northampton

Octr 31th
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List of Capt Lincolns Compu 7th M Regt Augt 17th 1782

Sergt Samuel Tilley Sergt Robart Cottel Sergt Leonard Euens Corpl Peter Winsor Drumer Jabez Jolley Fifer Sebre Simmons Noah Eaton James Willis Nathan Fullar Solomon Goodail Solsbury Hitchman Israel Smith Csar Perry Joel Suckermug Elijah Bruce Joseph Bates Shubal Bailey William Biglow Edmond Casey Samuel Dale Abner Ellit Nathanil Johnston Owens Lovell John Muckford Peter Nicols Benj<sup>m</sup> Perry Simeon Ricker George Ross Thomas Spencer Moses Tylor Prince Soward

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Caleb Wood Transfared to Invileeds Sept<sup>t</sup> 1<sup>th</sup> 82 George Rofs promoted to Corp<sup>l</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 82 Corp<sup>l</sup> Evens promoted to a Serg<sup>t</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 82 Serg<sup>t</sup> Cottel Joind Aug<sup>t</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1782

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May 1th 1782. Account of the men in Capt Lincoln's Company who have had their lining overhalls Cut out

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Jesse Grayham Corp¹
Solomon Goodail
James Willis
Nat Johnston
Sebre Simmons
Will<sup>m</sup> Biglow
Thos Spencer
Elijh Bruce
Joel Suckermug
Leonard Evens Corp¹
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Serg <sup>t</sup> Tilley	I	James Willis
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Nichols	I	
Hitchman	I	
J. Wood	I	

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#### COMPANY ROLLS

DUPLICATE Muster Rolls or Rosters, retained by the Company Officers.

Some of these are printed forms, 16 by 20 inches in size, but the majority of them were ruled and written out by the officers, and are of various sizes.

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John Paterson Blend.

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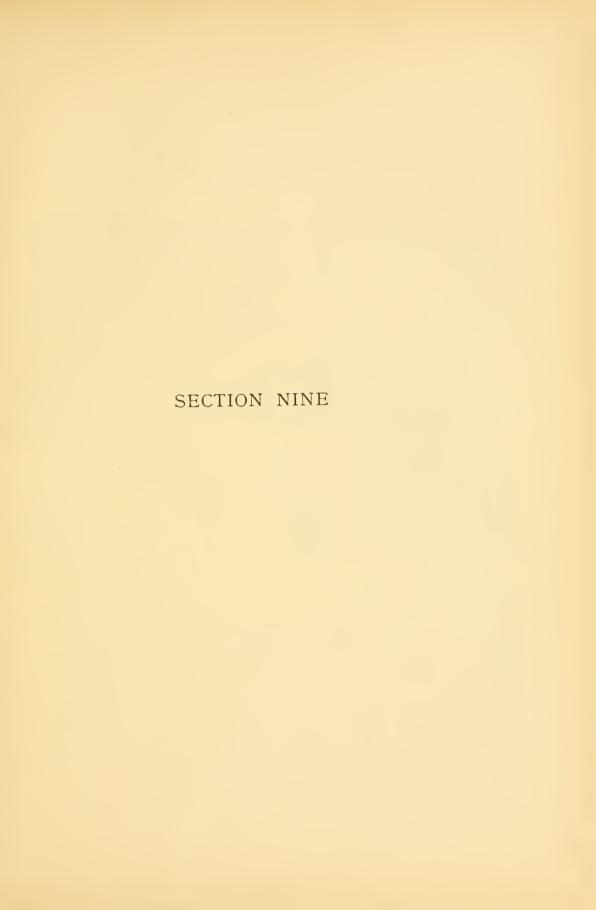
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JOHN HEWSON was born in England, September, 1744, emigrated to America, settled in Philadelphia, and became a citizen in 1775. He was married twice, and had a large family of children.

He entered the American army, and was taken prisoner in Philadelphia, April 1, 1778.

Rufus Lincoln and John Hewson became acquainted while prisoners of war in Philadelphia; they were marched to New York, and were paroled to Flatlands, Long Island.

The last of August or first of September, 1778, a plan to escape was formed by Hewson and several others; Rufus Lincoln was asked to join, but refused. See Letter Number Two for the history of the escape. After the escape, it was many years before these old friends heard of each other, and in a remarkable manner.

"Prudence," the second daughter of Rufus Lincoln, married James Field, February 22, 1813, and shortly after they went to Philadelphia to live.

One day Mrs. Field told her landlady of a friend her father once had in that city, recounted the story of his attempted escape, and that as her father had never heard from him, it was supposed that he had perished in the attempt; but when she mentioned the name of her father's friend, imagine her surprise to learn that her landlady was the sister-in-law of the person spoken of, and that he was alive and well.

Thus it was that these old friends heard of each other once more, and the letters herewith are those written by John Hewson to his old friend Rufus Lincoln.

John Hewson was a calico printer by trade, and his name was in the Philadelphia Directory as late as 1822. His last letter is dated 1820; possibly some later ones have been lost.

In 1825 the names of both father and son disappear from the Directory. In February, 1902, I met a member, by marriage, of this family, and tried to obtain some of Rufus Lincoln's letters to John Hewson. I learned that the family had nearly died out, and none of those remaining knew of any family papers or letters. Their home was near Germantown, Philadelphia.

# THE JOHN HEWSON LETTERS

[Letter Number One]

KENSINGTON NEAR PHILADELPHIA
14 June 1813

My Much Respected Freind Mr Rufus Lincoln

I received your favor dated in May last fr your Daughter who lives in the House of my Wife's Sister. the Sattisfaction my Wife & my Self received is better felt then described — Mrs Hewson nor my Self ever forgot you, but often regretted we had not taken a Memorandum of your place of Abode when at home; if you should live to see it in peace — Mrs. Hewson is Just now recover'd from a Six months confinement by Sickness & debility to her chamber, and my Self about 12 weeks, most of which time in Excruciating pain, I am astonish'd when I view my self in the Land among the living; but it is the Lords doing and it is Marvelous in my Eyes: the Praise I render to his most Holy Name — we just begin to ride out a little for the air, I can only make out to walk about 50 yards at present I remain so weak; The small present you are so kind to notice that I sent you, I am pleased to hear it came safe to your hand; I can asure you it was a grief to my heart that is was so small, I likewise return you my sincere thanks for the very hansome ruffeld Shirt you Sent me — I have had II Chilldren since my Captivity 6 I had when I was taken Prisoner, which makes 17 in all—they have brought me 47 Grand Chilldren about 37 of them are living; about 2 years ago 30 of them dined with me - 10 out of my 17 Chilldren are living, 7 Daughters & 3 Sons: and I have great reason to be thankful that there is but one Scabby Sheep in my flock; ———, who abandon'd his wife and 5 fine Chilldren, and left them to Starve, it proved the Death of his wife very soon - and his Chilldren we have amongst us - and all this for that Cursed Sin of drinking; he is 43 years of age had a fine Constitution, but got quite deranged in his mind; and now, as the only and last Step I could take to give him a chance to save both Body & Soul; I had had him taken up as as an Insane person, and Sent to the Pensylvania Hospital — My Eldest Son is 45 years of age, and a worthy man, he is a Minister of the Gospel in the Baptist Connection; but does not live Chargeable to the Gospel - he follows my Business that I have gave up about 4 years since; he has preach'd about 20 years Among the Methodist & Baptist together without receiving any pay: the former displeased him & he Joined the latter; and is very acceptable among them: my other Chilldren are all Morrale, & the greatest number Pious; So that upon the whole I have great reason to be thankfull - Mrs Hewson is very weakly has been confind Six months but is recruiting a little, my Self as I mentiond before about 12 weeks - and no longer ago then Yesterday I did not think it possible I

could live one hour - my Cafe was so Critical; that if I could have had all the Medical Aid of the City at my Command; they could not have been of the Least service; nothing lefs then the Interposition of Divine Providence could be of the least Avail - Accordingly I lifted up my Heart in faith & humble Prayer to the Lord; and pled his Promifes in the Name of our great Advocate the Lord Jesus Christ — I belivee it was not three minuets before I felt relief; which Overcame me in such a manner that's better felt than Describ'd - The Difficulties, trials & Afflictions I have had to wade through in raising such a numerous family have been great, it would Allmost fill a volume to relate them; if I was near you I should feel a Pleasure to recount them over to you, and how wonderfully the Lord has dealt with me; and delivered me out of all my troubles, and here by his help am I come, to about 68 or 60 years next September — But whats is best of all I have a bright prospect of a glorious Immortality when the Earthly House of this tabernacle is Disolved, I have a building of God not made with hands, Eternal in the Heavens; this last Affliction has been made a Blessing to my Soul, Sharp and painfull as it has been, I would not be without it for the world — It gave me great pleasure to see a Daughter of yours here, I think she is weakly with regard to her health; but I believe she likes Philadelphia pretty well

If I surmount this Sickness, I shall write you again & give you a history of our Escape from the Island it was a wonderfull thing, but it was the Lords doing and it is marvelous in my Eyes; the praise and Glory be to his great & Holy Name

As to Politicks I have never Calld my self by any party name, But that of American I feel as in 75 & never knew any change; I love my Country; I like its Government, and am determined to be Obedient to its Laws; them that would wish to divide her deserve to be divided themselves

Your Daughter & her Husband Send their love to you & your Wife, and are Anxious to hear from you; her health is in a Mideling way; she Complains a little of our heat; they are prefsing for you to write — & I pray you on the receipt of this, you will let me have a line from you

Mrs Kendal is Dead more then ten years since; I will give you her history in my next. Moore is Dead a Long time, he lived a Disapated life, Stainer I believe is Dead a great while, he went to live in the Country & followed Butchering; I am sorry you are so Deaf; but be of good cheer in a little time we shall renew our Strength as the Eagles and mount and Sing arround the throne of God, I praise the Lord: I have my hearing good & have wrote the without the aid of Spectalles, & in all my sicknefs I have never lost the use of my mental powers; nor had the head Ach one half hour

I am a little better this morning the 18 June — & now my dear friend adieu for the present and if we never see each other in the flesh, may we meet in that place where all is peace and Rest — Yours — John Hewson.

[Letter Number Two]

POINT ROAD NEAR KENSINGTON
4 July 1815

My dear friend Rufus Lincoln

I must beg your forgiveness in not answering your last sooner, but the exstreeme debility my last affliction left me under took away all my spirits & resolution for writing and a constant exspectation of your Daughters intention to go home to see you, made me postpone it to the present Opportunity: but I had very nearly mist it by being seised with a violent Cough & spitting about 4 weeks ago, which brought me full half as low as I was in my great affliction; but I am in the hands of that God who does wonders in the Heavens above & on the earth beneath, and who is now restoring me to a measure of health & usefulness again Glory be to his most Holy Name — I have just past the bound of time alotted to mortals, I have entered on my 71 year: and through the infinite goodness of my Gracious God: I retain the use of my limbs and my mental powers, my Eyesight is good, my hearing allso, & I am as upright as when we were on the Island. O Sir! what cause for thankfullness! my wife is recovered a little from her debillity, and if nothing happens to put her back, we propose to drink tea with your Daughter to morrow — I promis'd to give you a detail of what I past through when I left the Island; it will be tedious, but it may beguile a gloomy hour, as well as show to you the superabundant goodness of a Gracious God to one of the very Cheifest of Sinners — When we left Island, we went to the mouth of a Creek which led to barren Island & from that to the sea. it was about ten OClock at night; We had prepared a large boat, but our Company not all ariving, we took a small Canoe which we could not stand in without danger of tumbling overboard — we proceeded down the Creek about a mile & then run her ashore & ballasste her with sand; and proceeded to the Ocean, we soon had to encounter the breakers, which were terrible; we exspected to be swallowed up; but God preserved us, Glory be to his most holy name! when we thought little of him he was mindful of us and saved us: I shall just mention there was a light in the lighthouse that evening, and it was at the abating of a storm, which two circumstances was necessary to be observed, but all these prudintial methods would have proved abortive, had the Lord not prevserved us — Judge from the following; a Canoe a little wider than our bodies, and five of us pretty well fill'd it lengthways, we made Ogburn our Captain, and bound our selves to Obey his Command — he with a short paddle sat in the stern on the bottom of the canoe, and with incessant labour with his arms in the sea to his elbows, he kept her from falling in the trough of the sea, which if once done we should all have undoubtedly perished: my self & two more rowed with paddles, Blake sat on the sand on the bottom of the canoe, to bail the water out with his hat as it occasionally came in, we made an offing toward the Ocean of about 20 miles for fear the flood tide should be to powerfull for us and put us in view of Allens Core at the Hook — we past several vefsels in the night, but we was as still as death, about One OClock as near as I can guess, An awfull moment arived, The Sky blacken'd and the wind made a hollow dismal noise, the waves was raised about 3 feet high, and several times broke part over us; I fainted

twice on my seat with fatigue but did not fall, blake had a bottle of water by his side which he put to my mouth which revived me, we had half a gallon of spirits in the head of the canoe but no man dare to lose a stroke or stir from his seat, for one false stroke would have sent us all to the bottom — but I must not pass by my feelings in the awfull moment mentioned above, I felt Uneasy about my precious soul, for I had known the worth of it from 19 years of age, but I was in a backsliding state. I proposed a Question to myself: in the following way

Soul: if it was left to your choice, which of the two would you choose; Either to be taken prisoner by Allens Core.

or go down into this watry grave.

The answer in my mind was quick: Let me go down in this great Deep, and fall into the hands of God, Rather than fall into the hands of Wicked men, whose tender Mercies are very Cruelty - I felt easy & sattisfied after this: and we continued our labour till we heard the surf roar; and the day began to dawn, we then rowed about to look for an inlet that we might not be forced to land in the surf. but as the daylight fast approach'd we discovered a Vefsel bearing down on us from New York, as if she had come on purpose for us, Our fears were alarmed & our Captain concluded we must land in the surf at all hasards; We went as nigh as we could & waited the word of Command. When we ventured on the first wave the second knockt us all out of the boat & the boat on shore but it did not hurt us much; only wetted all our cloaths and what was worse then all broke our bottle of Spirits, which one hundred Guineas I am sure would not have purchased it of us; in our then weak & feble state — We gather'd our cloaths together and began our march towards the highlands of the never sink, but we had not gone more than a Ouarter of a mile before a river or what is call'd Shrewsbury inlet presented between us & the main land, this struck us with horror, as the vefsel was making fast towards us, We found a piece of board & tied all our cloaths on it, Ogburn our Captain agreed to take charge of the board with our cloaths if we could venture to swim acrofs, myself; Mr Millard & Ogburn could swim — Rankin & Blake could not; they agreed to hide themselves in the sand and wait our fate, Rankin said if we was saved he was sure we would save them, and if we perish'd he was willing to share our fate, but Blake wished himfelf back on the Island

We now entered the river, it appeared to be about 200 yards wide, we swam hard for about 20 minuets, when I grew very sleepy & made some attempts to lay my head on the water to make the experiment, but something told me it would not do; I wonderd I was allways in the middle of the river, & turning my self round I discover'd more water behind & before me than the whole was where we intered in, we were in a strong Eddy; by this time the vefsel was opposite to us, and the hands upon deck stareing at us, but they dare not land in the surf, and perhaps they had no fire arms, & so they went on without attempting anything — I now drifted down to Ogburn to consult him on our situation, when I began to speak to him I could only wisper, he advised me to tread water, and try one hand on his board & rest a little, and then we would make one grand & last effort to gain the land, our cloaths or a good part of them at this juncture slipt of the plank, and all we could do was to send a wishfull look after them, we had but one half dollar

among us all & that was in my velvet breeches pocket, which went of the plank with some shirts &c. — After I had rested say two or three minuets. Ogburn gave the word, whorah for life we started of with a little fresh resolution, and exerted all our remaining Energies, it was 3 or 4 minutes before we was certain we gain'd on the land, but when we attain'd that knowledge, it seemed to instill fresh life & strength into us, and in 4 or 5 minuets more we found our feet on the sand, all I wanted now was to go to sleep while they got ready to climb the hills, but my Captain made me Climb the mountains, for he insisted if I slept 5 minuets I should sleep the sleep of death — we at length reach'd the sumit of the mountains and staggered & fell like drunken men, till we came to a house, where the people treated us kindly gave us a warm breakfast, here we dried our Cloaths, and inquired if there was no poor men in the neighbourhood, some was soon introduced, we made a bargain with them to get a boat and row over the Inlet and look for our bretheren we left on the sand bar, and bring them safe to us; and the canoe we stole to come of with, we gave them for their trouble, which they thought very good pay; after we was all refresh'd we learnt that the Enemy made frequent excursions over to were we then was, so we got ready & took up our line of march, as I past along it appeared like a parradise to me, I could scarcely refrain from falling down & kifsing the ground, only I thought it favour'd to much of Idolatry We marcht 6 miles this day & could go no further, for I was very weak from what I had undergone. We stopt were two farmers were leaning over the fence on each side of the road; & made our case known to them for we had no money, One of them said I will take the sick man myself & two more, the other said he would take the other two, when I got to his house his wife had me to bed in a crack, I had not slept an hour before she brought me something very good to take, and in half an hour after as good a supper was prepared for us as any perfon need to sit down to, this was in Monmouth County, were General How made so many wigs by his ill treatment, that they call'd him the wigg maker, the people at this house was more like a father & Mother to us than anything else; when they heard I had such a family & how I had been treated. they cheer'd me up & told me they would put a feather bed in a waggon & take me home without a farthing exspence, or if I could not march I might stay a month with them & they would take care of me without any charge whatever, but through their kind treatment I felt pretty well next morning, & off we Started for home like brave fellows without any money in our pockets, we reach'd Allentown this day, and made our cafe known to the Inhabitants, they told us we should not suffer; but they had been hard prefs'd during the war, but about a mile from town there was some rich tory families and if we made application there, we would be well treated not out of love but for fear of having their names canvas'd over on such a business, I went to the door of a great house, the Gentleman appear'd, I address'd him in the best maner I was capable, told him we hoped he would not look upon us in the light of common beggars, that we was perfons who loved our Country & had fought for it, tha[t] we had been prisoners, & had just made our escape from the Enemy, all we wanted was a little refreshment & a nights lodging, & if he thought proper we would give an Order on some suitable person in Philada for the payment of what we had; they were ashamed to deny us, they were to have a ball that night

& asked us if we would not wish supper pretty soon & retire to rest, by all means we answered & went to bed & slept sound while they danced; The next morning we set of for the City, which we reach'd about 8 Olock in the evining — Mrs Kendal went before & broke it to my wife by degrees that she heard I was on the road, and presently that some people said I had been seen at the upper end of the town; and she now found her mind pretty well prepar'd, she told her I was at the door, and she must introduce me herself and have the first Kifs of me, in welcome she said if she made good her words, Which was soon done to our mutal Comfort & Sattisfaction; my wife had saved one fine Milch Cow out of the common reck of our property which with working all day & half the night in making Soldiers Shirts & pantaloons, she kept herself & 5 Chilldren from want, one died while I was on the Island — a particular circumstance, I must mention, I sent a letter to my wife just before I came of that she would see my face in 3 days from the reception of that letter, or never till we met in Eternity: but through an overholing kind Providence the letter did not reach her till the next morning after I got home, Edward Riche, the Taylor, that used to frequent Mrs Kendals had a Suit of Cloaths that did not fit the person they were made for, they suited me very well, he made me take them, and pay whenever I could no matter when: so I was equipt of very nicely; I now found my self as rich & happy as any one, & Struted about the streets as if I was somebody; Congratulated by many & treated with confedirable hospitality, but what a damp to this, was my poor wife Snaph short at home, but she was perfectly sattisfied so that I was taken notice of and treated with hospitality

You requested to know what became of Mrs Kendal: you must have heard her speak of a Mr Taylor, who was in the provo whom she used to vifit & do acts of kindness for he pretended to be a great friend to the Country, and had been plundred & used exstreemly ill by the brittish & Cuningham the Gaaler; he was a vile wiked abandoned wretch, I was a night or two with him in the provo, in New York when old Ammerman had me taken up I found he was very Obnoxious to the Btrittish: and they talkt of hanging him, and in short ites a wonder that Cunningham did not dispatch him among the Rest he murdered, at this time we had a Character among us whom we threatend to hang; and these two were exchange one for the other; he came to the City, took lodgings at Edward Riche's Mothers, were there was two or three honest Yankee Captains boarded they had made some money; and when they heard his doleful tale, their honest liberal hearts flew open to his relief, they clothed him like a Gentleman and shocking to relate, we have all the reason in the world to beelive he robb'd their trunks of two or three hundred dollars, as they had not the least suspicion of him, and was not so private as they ought to or might have been when these Gentlemen removed from the City: he went to board with Mrs Kendal, about this time She reciveed 3 or 4 hundred pounds from Congress in hard money for the Support she had given our officers he courted her or her money pretty hard, and soon carried the Garrison as his tongue was pretty well hung & had been well supplied from the Blarney Stone

They were married: and the next thing must be to go into Business, he pretended he had red. certain information that a confiderable part of the goods they wanted was to be obtained at Boston for reasonable prices, she gave him the greatest part of her money, and away he goes to Boston, tells his tale of Sufferings & of woes, a worthy Gentleman was struck with his case, & invited him home & treated him with the greatest & truest hospatality: the Gentleman not suspecting his new Guest: was not very particular with regard to his bureau or Secretary, or places where he often put money: Taylor soon found the way to it and had taken some cofiderable sums before he was detected, the first news we heard of him was that he was to be hang'd, but afterwards that he was imprison'd wipt & finaly Banish'd; and proved at last to be a Butcher from the West Indies by this time Mrs Kendal or rather Mrs Taylor was deliver'd of a fine child, but her being in such trouble it did not live long She was now in very Critical circumstances, and was oblig'd to sell part of her furniture to support hers self & her aged Mother She now employ'd an old auctioneer son to sell her furniture in their Store which was full of all kinds of furniture & Cloathing & all kinds of articals which they would take of the people, and advance them a part, and its was pretty hard times; as they went by to market they would get a little more, and so on till they got it all I have been so particular on this subject that you may form a pretty correct Idea of her distrefs & of the Husband she was glad to take up with: he was about 22 years of age, wore an old great coat, and generally carried a bell in his hand to ring the people to attend the sale of some pins & needles, or some old cloaths, or some dirty things or other: He was only half witted, except it was in low cuning, tricking & lying of which he was a complete master, his father had form'd his mind to it; and made him as Complete at it as himfelf; he knew no shame, when he was detected in a lye he would laugh, however by some means he got her a good living, but not without confiderable disgrace; as he was in Goal a whole year at one time, and other lefs periods afterwards She had two daughters & one Son by this Man, the son has turnd out bad; the Girls pretty well; She has been dead about 13 years: She was a generous harted Woman, my family kept up an intimacy with her till she died, She profes'd to know something of religon; and our Charity must think the best

Concerning Capt Moore, he went to the hospital and died Crasey Capt Stainer & wife went to the Country to farming & graising I have seen him a few times come to the Market; but for many years I have not seen him; nor heard wether he is living or dead, Capt Jas Smith of the Artilery that boarded with us at Mrs Kendals: is living & is treasurer of the City Council; & is much of a Gentleman The miss Piphey I have not heard of for many years; the old Gentleman is dead a great while, one of the girls married to a Capt Loughead, they made a dash for a Voiage or two & fail'd: they then moved towards new york. I have never heard of them since, nor what become of the other Sister (So much for the World)

Now my much respected friend, I will trouble you with a few thoughts on a better Country & conclude: I can truly say, that whatever Comfort peace or Sattisfaction I may have exsprienced in a life of three score years & ten: has been in a religeous course, I have tryed the world in adversity & prosperity it promis'd much but perform'd little, and allways deceived me: the world is never sattisfied, unlefs it has all our time, all our talents, all our thoughts, & all our affections; as to the Speculative notions of our fellow mortals, with regard to religion, they should have no weight with us; either from the Deists; or the more refined Speculations of

Philosofick Infidels: we that believe in divine revelation have a more sure word of Profphecy wherein we shall do well to take heed; the foundation of our God standeth sure; and the Lord knoweth them that are his, and how to deliver the Godly out of temptation, and to reserve the Unjust to the day of Judgment to be punished

In my youth in England, I had promis'd myself a great deal of pleasure in the gratification of my Carnal appetites, as soon as I had Strength & money or means to pursue them; I had scarcely commenced in the pursuit, When the Lord met me by the way and check'd me in my mad carreer of folly, it was without the aid of preaching; it was on my bed three mornings successively that the Lord alarmed my fears convicted my Conscience & fill'd my Soul with horror at the thoughts of dying in an Unregenerate State, I sought the Lord by prayer & supplication to have mercy on me & pardon my numberless sins & transgressions for my Redeemers sake, I made my case known to a pious man whom I used to ridicule and treat with contempt, he gave me directions how to act, I forsook all my company and laboured hard to break of from the sin of profane swearing which I was much in the habit of; I was very Ignorat & sin had harden'd my heart to a great degree, so that I made but slow progrefs in my christian race, but I have abundant to be thankful I was preserved from a thousand evils that my wicked heart would have led into had I not recd this Merciful Visitation from the hand of God, I was now about 19 years of age, and continued to improve in spiritual knowledge slowly till I was twenty 22 years old, when I took me a Wife, a virtuous amiable woman by whom I had 4 Chilldren which I brought with me to this Country, my wife died in Child bed with her 5 Child at Kensington, the war commencing brought me into a great strait, my Wigish principles too which I brought with me from England, took fire and I volantarily went to a Magistrate & took the Oath of Allegiance & fidelity to the states, renouncing all other subjection to any powers on earth

The hurry bustle & learning Military duty which took place was not friendly to my religious concerns, what with so much new company & new perfuits in the Military life, soon darkend my evidences and in a Confiderable degree harden'd my Heart; so that soon left of both secret & family prayer: And in this state of mind I continued for 6 or 7 years after my return from Captivity when the Lord was Pleased to lay his Merciful correcting hand upon me; at first I did not observe the hand of God in it, till by repeated strokes I was awaked from my Stupor: I laid my plans & formed many schemes to get my bread & support my family in an honest way, they would seem to bid fair for a season; but just as the fruits of my Industry appeard to be allmost Ripe for gathering: a sudden dissappointment took place & all the fruits of my labour was lost; this was repeated again & again, till my Spirit was allmost broke, but did confider the hand it came from; at length I felt determin'd to thrive, and aded another day to the week I mean the Sabboath of the Lord; & exclaimed thus; was it ever known from from the beginning of the world: that a person that used such Industry as I have done & not be able to support his family — I immeadiately exclaimed I will thrive So you may see here a potsherd of the earth striving with its maker: but all in vain — at length I was brought into great Straits, my Sabbath working in the room of helping me, brought the

displeasure of God more upon me, my Fleshly arm could not match with Omnipotence: the Lord knew how to humble me, and O what a Mercy it was he did not Cut me of with a Stroke, and number me with the dead & with the miserable & hopeless for ever — at length I paused, and thought I see the hand of God upon me. One morning I set of towards the City, I had not gone more than a Ouarter of a Mile from home, when I felt an Unuseal tenderness in my mind, which tears from my Eves, I made a Stop, and spake in this way: O Lord I hear thy warning voice & thy gracious call to my precious Soul, strike home, strike me in the tenderest part; only let it be in mercy, and to bring me back to thy self, from whom I have so deeply revolted — I stood some time in this place till my mind felt greatly eased; I then went on to the City & returned to my family in the evening — and then sought a Secret place to pour out my wants & Complaints at a throne of Grace, which I had not done for some years before; it was not long before I was Sattisfied the Lord had restored me to his favor & peace, and he taught me how to live by faith for things pertaining to this world, as well as spiritual blefsings for the Soul; I became as sattisfied even when I did not know where the next days support was to come from, as if I had a million in the Bank: I was enabled to rely upon a promise making & a promise fullfiling God — the Lord now gently cleared my way; and opened hearts & hands to help me on — no more blasts & curles on my Industry, and nothing could be sweeter than to know that the blefsing of God was with me in all I undertook & did; and often exceeded my Exspectations, you might be led to think I might have grown rich; but I never cared much about that, and through the assistance of divine grace I was Enabled to conquer that passion at a very early period of my life — and though not rich, I have been a Useful Citizen & not the worst of neighbours — and have had an oppertunity of laying up treasure in Heaven; I am now on the verge of Eternity, allmost in sight of the promised land; but still feel a need to watch & pray least I should enter into temptation; I am still in an Enemys Country and have need to put on the whole armour of God: that I may be able to stand in the day of trial & death: I have been brought so near as allmost to behold his ghastly visage — When I look't at my past life, it appeared nothing but one foul blot; if I took a view of what is calld our good deeds or our own righteousnefs, they were no better than filthy rags — I was therefore constrain'd to renounce them all; and rest my naked Soul on the Infinitely precious Blood & merrits of my Gracious Redeemer, this hope I found to be as an anchor to my Soul both sure & stedfast — and now my dear friend, I am completely tiered of with writing; and I doubt not but you will be more tiered of reading my lengthy Epistle: but if my old companion in exile can find any thing in it to Entertain, or to Comfort, or encourage him to try to meet me in our fathers house above, I shall be amply rewarded.

[The remainder of this letter has been lost.]

### [Letter Number Three]

PHILADELPHIA 23d November 1815.

Dear Sir

I Recd your favor pr your daughter Mrs Feilds, and Rejoiced to hear of your health and wellfare, and was pleased to hear that my long Epistle did not waste all your patience, When I mentiond to my Wife that you had some thoughts if you was spared another year; you would try to see this great City; she was delighted with the thought: But the Lord has seen fit in his Infinite goodnefs and mercy to call her away from all terrestial Objects to that Rest which he has prepared for them that love him — She Departed this life on the thirtieth of September last, after about nine years Suffering and Affliction in the Sixty Fourth year of her age; my dear friend, I have lost in her, a faithfull Wife, a good & kind Mother to my five Motherless Children I had when we came together, as she was to the twelve Children I had by her - about forty one years we lived together in love & unity; and it seemed to me the more infirm she grew; the more my love and affection grew towards her, her very bones seemed precious to me, She bore her affliction with faith & patience, had her mental powers till within about 15 minuets of her death, it appeared to all present, that Death did not approach her as a King of terrors, but as a Messenger of peace, to convey her Spirit to the arms of her Redeemer, I am sattisfied she is gone to Glory, and is now joined with them who came out of much tribulation and have washed their Robes & made them white in the Blood of the lamb; in praising God & the Lamb: and Celebrating the astonishing wonders of Redeeming love; which God grant in his Infinite mercy that you & I may meet around his gracious throne to join in the blest Employ throughout a glorious Eternity

Your Son 1 is a fine young man, pleasant & agreeable in his manners, I had but a short time with him, I drank tea with him at my Sisters yesterday afternoon, I felt an atachment to him, and could Recognise the father in his countenance, his forehead & Eyes particularly I have not forgot your person, I often see you in my mind as plain as when we was together - I was to have wrote this to day, but having a great deal of business on hand it was deferred till night, so that I have wrote this by candle light & in haste; you will please to excuse the incorrectness of it, as your Son sets of early in the morning — I forgot to mention that while my wife lay on her dying bed, about 4 days before she died, I was jumping out of my Gig: when my foot caught in the Reins and threw my head on the brick pavement & my hips on the Curbstone, & had liked to have fractured my Scull, but the Lord Upheld me by his Unseen hand, his holy name be praised — I was very much bruised and could scarcely walk for some time; but I have great Reason to be thankful, I was able to be with my wife in her dying moments, and prayed with her till She departed — Although a Stranger: please to give my Respects to your wife & all your Family — if I was able to travel & lay out in strange beds I would come & see you, but though I do not look very old; yet I am very tender from my great Sickness - its now ten OClock Adieu my dear friend for the prefent John Hewson

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### [Letter Number Four]

POINT ROAD 8 July 1817

My Greatly Respected Friend
Mr Rufus Lincoln

I embrace this oppertunity of troubleing you with one more of my tedious Epistles before I go home and am no more seen — I have enquired after your health frequently of your Daughter Mrs Field and rejoice to hear that it is as well as can be exspected — and I humbly hope you are daily meditateing & preparing for that unchangable State to which we are both so rapidly hastening

With Regard to my own health it has been very poorly the last winter: in the cold spell, I was confined to the house about 8 or 9 weeks, and was so very weak I could scarcely put of my Cloaths, or put them on again, I could hardly flatter myself I should see the end of May - but the Lord doeth wonders in the Heavens above and on the earth beneath; and he has still spared me a liveing monument of his Unmerited Mercy and a subject of his free Grace, and within the last two weeks I have been better than I have been for a year past — The Lord knows for what and it pleased him to Raise me up again — I think it begins to appear; one of my sons has so ruin'd himself by drinking and Company, that he abandoned his wife & three children, and took no care or thought for them; So that in Order to get him away from all his old companions & habits, we have persuaded him to go to the westward, say to Measoile or Cincinatia which he was very willing to do, and as he knows how to use Carpenters tools, we gave him some with him, he intends to bind himself to a person we have sent him to for 2 or 3 years to complete him felf in the Carpenters business — he could not be supported no longer here and now if he improves his time & oppertunity that providence has put in his hand if he does not get the perishable Riches of this world; he will have time and oppertunity to seek the Salvation of his precious never dying Soul — I have had my other Son James in the Hospital one year at 4 \$ pr week. I have had him home about 5 weeks, and next week he goes to the westward also, and its highly probable I shall see them no more — but if their Souls are saved it is Enough

I have Also a Son in law that has run of in debt and disgrace, from his Wife & three children, but they have gone after him, but not with my confent, as I believe nothing but poverty, illtreatment and ruin will be the result of it

I reckon by this time my dear friend, you begin to think that this is a heavy load for the shoulders or heart of a feeble Old Man in his seventy third year to bear, I confess it is; and sometimes for a few moments it seems as if it would overwhelm me; but in general it is not so — I confider that all is mercy while I am out of Hell. and the Lord graciously supports me—and in a little time my sufferings will be over and my heavenly rest will be the sweeter — After all, my dear friend, I have great cause for thankfullness — my Eldest son is a comfort and a Credit to me and I have some good Daughters & sons in law, I am able also at the present time to look after the Estate I am Excor to, which is a pretty toilsome peice of business; it requires me to ride out nearly every fine day that comes — a few days ago I walkt a mile out and in again, I do not walk very fast, but as upright as when I was with you — I very much approve of the conduct of your Daughter & Son in Law Mr

Field — they do not dash away and make a great shew, in parties balls, and plays & vauxhalls and every foppish thing the old corrupted world is pleased to send us over, to draw us away from our plain republican principles — no. they live this week as if they exspected to live another, and as if Society had some claims on their conduct — I think this must be a great comfort to you in your declining years

I will here transcribe a few thoughts that I wrote with a vew to leave them behind me for the benefit of my Children—but I now find I need them myself—they are as follows—

Thoughts on trouble & Affliction.

Feeling in my mind some strong forebodings of great Affliction and sore trials which it appears to me highly probable may take place in my Family;

I desire to be prepared for the event whatever it may be — In the first place, I profess to be a Christian and to believe in the Scriptures of Eternal truth — I would ask is there any affliction so great, that God is not able to support the Christian under and to bring him safely through them, yea has he not promised to do it, he has! Then I will sppose that some Strange and unthought of trial should take place in my family — Shall I say this is to hard, I cannot bear it, I never can endure it, It will kill me, it must kill me

such a sentiment fell from the lips
 of some of my family, which gave rice [rise,]
 to these reflections.

Is not this denying the faith, and imitating the Infidels and Unbelieving World — If our Holy & blefsed religeon can do us no more good than this, we are of all men the most miserable — but had we not better kifs the rod and adore the hand that appoints or permits it — But this trial is very disgracefull as well as sorely afflictive — then let us be carefull not to think more highly of our selves than we ought to think — there is great danger of falling into this Sin — I would rather make an application to my self in this way,

many of my fellow Creatures, Aye & fellow Christians too, have met with as painfull & as disgracefull afflictions as what I am now exercised with — And were they all kill'd or lost, I answer No — many of them have been cured, and come forth as gold purified in the fire

all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass, and the grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away But the word of the Lord endureth forever

Now this is the Use I will endeavour to make of all the painfull & sore trials I may be exercised with in my journey to my heavenly rest — and recommend the same to every branch of my family that profess to believe in the Scriptures of Eternal truth

First I confess to God that I am a poor poluted Guilty Rebelious hell deserving Sinner, and deserve nothing from the hand of God, but to be degraded in the lowest degree that the human mind can possibly conceive of, Before an assembled World of men and Angels—and then to be banished from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power for ever

The Scriptures teach this — my heart feels it, and I can set to my Seal that God

and his word is true — If it should prove the Infidel and Unbelieving World to be

Therefore I would say: Lord what am I or my fathers house, that thou hast brought me hithertoo.

Thou hast brought me from a low Estate, and bestowed numberlefs blefsings upon me, and has promised me for a great while to come — Now O my God, if it should seem good in thy Unering wisdom to afflict me in my own perfon, or in the tenderest branches of my family; prepare me for it I pray the; and support me under it and finally bring me safely through it — I feel a heed of this advice at this very moment — The Lord enable me to put in practice my own Counsel, that I have wrote for the good of my family, as I greatly need it at this time for my own comfort and consolation: waves of sorrow are roling over my Aged Head — but I have one consolation, I am allmost in sight of my haven of Eternal Rest, for which I desire to be exceedingly thankfull

to morrow 5 July My son —— setts of for the westward & a grandson with him my son —— has been gone about 5 weeks — I never exspect to see them any more in this world — but my prayers may be answered after I am no more — they are in the Lords hand, and the Judge of all the Earth cannot but do right:

My dear friend, we must not think to go to Heaven on a bed of roses—the question was askt, from whence came these, [the answer was] these are they that have come out of much tribulation, and have wash'd their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb;

May we be willing to follow them who now through faith and patience inherit the promifes—while I am writing it seems as if I was conversing with you, your perfon appears to the eye of mind as plain as if you was prefent, so well do I remember you — You must remember Capt Smith of the Artilery that boarded with us at Mrs Kendals, a fine healthy looking young man at that time, and well behaved, I have never seen him from the time we left the City till about 9 months ago, and I did not know him no more than if I had never seen him, he was treasurer to the City Corporation, but through some misfortune he has lost his office—he informed me that he was Sent to the southward, and was in many hard conflicts with Gen¹ Green, which broke his Constitution and made him look so Old — You rembember George B——r. he went to the southward also, but he lived as fast as he was able a disipated life, which soon terminated his carreer.

I will thank you to just mention something about Leut. Linsay, how he conducted himself after I left you as I have never heard any thing concerning him since I left the Island

I am afraid I shall tire you with my tedious Epistele, but it may be the last, and your Daughter Encourages me; so I hope you will exscuse me—but it may beguile a lonely hour, and if any hint that drops from my pen, should be owned by providence to be of the least service to your better part, my Soul shall bless the Lord—and as we have been Exiles together here in this wilderness world, may we through the free umerited grace of God meet together in our fathers House above—and there to talk over and remember the way that he has led us through this wilderness world—and sing the wonders of his redeeming love throughout

the Countless ages of Eternity which is the humble prayer of your affectionate friend.

John Hewson

N. B.

I exspect a few lines by the return of your Children and may the Lord preserve them out going & coming home — and please to give my best respects to your dear wife

[Letter Number Five]

My Old Respected Friend Mr Rufus Lincoln Dear Sir 30th March 1819

This is the 6 Month I have been Confin'd to my Room within 4 feet of a large fire night & day, I have had two violent Colds in the time attended with very severe exspectorations — the first reduced me to a Skeleton I was in danger of Strangling with my cough many times — but the Lord was pleas'd to restore me contrary to all human exspectations — it was many weeks before I got any flesh, strength, or appetite — but when I had got pretty well on my feet & could walk well about the room, I took a fresh cold without going out of my room, which settled on my lungs or liver I do not know which, (nor no person can tell me) but it brought on the most violent exspectorations I ever beheld in my life, which held about two weeks, with severe pains on my sides — I did not send for any Physician, but was twice bled & helpt my self as well as I could, consulting the great weakness & debility of my Constitution — my Daughter became alarmed & sent for our Physician he prevcrib'd for me, I took once of it, but I could bear no more, my inside seem'd so raw & sore that I could not bear either food or medecine to approach it, the very thoughts of either seem'd worse to me than Death in any Shape — for all this the Dr pronounced me Convalesant — and as I had got so far with the little help that I had — he lookt very gravely at me, & told me he had bad news to tell me, & repeated it twice over, Why what is it I replied, Why I can asure you; you will not get to Heaven in lefs than seven years; but I humbly hope he is greatly Mistaken

My Cough left me almost in one day, but I felt as if my inside was all spit away, and was reduced to a Skeleton again — without appetite, and my inside seem'd to be blood raw — but contrary to all human exspectations, the Lord has rais'd me up again, my inside is healing & my appetite is returning — but my Sufferings has been great, the very thoughts of them fills me with horror — yet while I was suffering the Lord supported me & kept me resign'd to his gracious Will, If at any time I was tempted to complain — I was enabled to silence it (With all is Mercy while I am out of Hell) I have not the least doubts but there is a need be that I am exer-

cised with manyfold afflictions — I number them among my Choicest blefsings I have received from my merciful & gracious God. I am now got to the top of March hill which I never exspected, & am in some exspectation of getting out in about two weeks from this

I seem to live as on the verge of Eternity & my heart often says, Oh that I could climb where Moses stood & view the landscape over. Not Jordans streams nor Death's cold flood, should fright me from the shore — I think the 20 of this Month is 40 years & six months sence I see you last, it seems but as yesterday; when I am thinking of you I recolect your person as well as if it was only a few weeks, — your Daughters health is delicate, but I believe it is improving your are happy in a Son in law: Mr Field is a good Husband, and a Steady man in his Business — Now my worthy Friend. I exspect you begin to see the vanity of all Sublunary things, and that there is nothing here can sattisfy the vast desires of an Immortal Spirit or make us happy, this is not our Rest: but there is one prepar'd for us, and may we never Stop short of Obtaining an Earnest of that Inheritance that God has prepar'd for them love him — The Lord has been very gracious & good & longsuffering towards us in sparing & protecting us to a good old age, & has enabled us to raise up our large families, and to see our Childrens Children: and what Astonishing Mercy that we was not cut of in our sins as cumberers of his ground, and number'd with the hopeless & miserable for ever — Glory be to his holy Name — I did not think I should live to trouble you with any more of my long & tedious Epistles — but must intreat you to Recieve it as it is meant, in sincerity & in truth — we are a great way apart from each other now — but in a very short time we may may see each others face in Eternity — This is but the infancy of our Existence. May the Lord in his infinite Wisdom & goodness grant that we may so progress in holiness in this world, that we may be prepared to progress in happiness through the countless Ages of Eternity — which God of his Infinite Mercy grant may be our happy lot for Jesus Christs sake. Amen & Amen — Please to present my Respects to your Bosom Companion & to your whole Family — and though we are strangers to each other here — we may be better acquainted if we are so happy to meet in our Fathers House above

Note. When you write to your Children — please to give me as many lines as you can without too much weariness to your Self

John Hewson

[Letter Number Six]

Mansion House — Point Road Nov' 20th 1819

My much Respected friend. Mr Rufus Lincoln. Sir

I Rec<sup>d</sup> your favor of 6<sup>th</sup> June ult. and am happy to hear you are as well as you are, and although your hearing is bad, the Lord still blefs's you with your eyesight—praised be his holy Name. it would be great affliction to be depriv'd of our eye-

sight, I have nearly lost my hearing in one Ear 3 or 4 different times, but through the goodness of God they are both at this time very near as good as ever — I will tell you all I have done to them, their is a great deal of dust gets into them which mixes with small bits of the hair that grows in our ears, and by degrees gets among the wax & adheres fast to it, which prevents the wax from rising up & coming away freely, it then grows hard & stops the hearing — I observ'd the following method. I took a piece of wood from the smoothest part of the hickory & pared it very smoth with a sharp penknife rather broad at the end than round, & after putting two drops of sweet oil in for 3 or 4 days previous, I put my smooth stick in 2 inches is long enough, one to hold fast with your fingers, the other to put gently in your ear, if in passing down it should seem to hurt the organ or tender part of the Ear, take it out & examine it & smooth it a little more, then ease it down till you feel it enter into the wax, & when its as far as you can get it without hurting your self, then prefs the stick against the side of your Ear & raise it up gently — by this means I brought up a piece of hard wax as large as a small pea mixt or matted with small bits of hair, and after resting a few days & then repeating the same over again I got 2 or 3 peices more out, & then my hearing was Restor'd, this I have done several years ago & always succeeded, in my last affliction I repeated it & succeeded better than ever -I am very particular every time I shave or wash my self, to clean the inside of my ears with the towel from all dust &C that may have gather'd, and to rub them hard with a dry towel till they glow with heat — last spring my left ear was so deaf, that when I stood close to my Clock with that ear towards it, I could not hear its motion, & if I laid with my Right ear on my pillow I could not hear the Clock strike, though only 12 feet from my head — now if you should think it worth your while to take so much trouble about your Earthly tabernacle & you should obtain any Relief to your hearing I shall be very thankfull, in being the instrument of communicating any temporal or Spiritual good to my worthy friend — my hearing is at this time very near as good as ever & my Eye sight you may form a judgment of, when I tell you I wrote this small hand without the aid of my Spectacles, I had them its true sticking in my Wig, but I made no use at all of them, what cause of thankfullnefs! I believe I wrote you how ill I was last spring twice at the point of Death; I bespoke my Coffin; but the Lord has seen fit to bid my dry bones live, & has raised me up again - since about the 2d week in may I have been able to ride out about my business 3 or 4 days in the week, & sometimes to walk a mile, my Cough is gone but is easily excited, by a little exertion, or a Cold wind blowing on me, or standing to near a fire — In short I feel death working through every part of my Sifstem; I live as on the very verge of Eternity, almost within sight of the promis'd land -

Could I but climb where Mofes stood, & view the Landscape over. Not deaths cold streams nor Jordans flood should fright me from the shore

With regard to my Eyes, about 25 years ago I see in one of our Newspapers an account of an old person whose Eyes fail'd him very much at the age of 50. he took

to dipping his Eyes wide open in cold spring water every morning till he was 75 years old, & then declar'd he could see as well as he could at 25 I followed the same rule with numbers of my fellow Citizens, & as far as it has come to my knowledge, it has produc'd nearly the same Effects

This is all very good in its place, but may our chief concern be about our Spiritital Eyesight & Hearing, to Consider if we have look'd into the glass of God's holy law, and seen our selves poor & miserable blind & naked, lost undone for ever without an Intrest in Christ, who is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that Believeth; he has made a full & perfect attonement for the sins of a ruin'd guilty world, he has sattisfied the Divine Justice, & Magnified his fathers law which we had broken & made it Honorable; having fulfill'd all righteousness Christ has remov'd every impediment out of the way, the vail is rent, & he has entered into the holy of holy's to present his own blood in the presence of God. for us, - and now he is calling to us from Heaven by his word & by his Spirit, to come to him, he that hath an hear to hear his voice come; & him that is athirst come, & whosoever will let him come & take of the water of life freely; let us go to him as we are, & carry nothing with us as a price in our hand but as poor perishing Sinners, looking to recieve from him in a way of Unmerited mercy, love & grace, a full & free Salvation, from the foundation to the top stone — Shouting grace, grace, unto it — May the Blessed Jesus never say to my friend & me. Ye will not come to me that ye might have life

Every man in his natural state inclines to save himself by some exertion of his own, he does not like God's way of saving Sinners, but seems determin'd to go to Heaven on a ladder of his own Construction or not at all — for I meet with few people, especially among the worldy wise, who are sattisfied with the way the Lord is pleas'd in his infinite Unering Wisdom to govern this lower World, because he has not made known to them all the surest springs of Nature, how a dusky grain of wheat deposited in the Earth rots & dies, & looses not its germ of life, but raises up a beautifull green blade, they are displeas'd because they are not as wise as God: is it any wonder that they are displeas'd with his Government of the Spiritual & Eternal World for if they believe not in his righteous Providence & government of Earthly things, how shall they believe when he tells them of Heavenly things Oh my dear friend, what should we be without the Blessed Gospel I convers'd with a youth 21 years old the other day who told me the Idolatrous heathen nations was as good in the sight of God as the best Christians on earth, it being the fashion & custom of their Country there was no sin in it & that the learn'd heathens of athens, greece & rome were more wise & virtious, than the most wise & virtious of ancient or modern Christians at this day; when I observ'd to him that some of his wise heathen teachers had a boy for a bedfellow, he roundly asserted there was no more sin in it than for a man to cohabit with his Wife: because it was the Custom of the Country I just mention these things to shew what would be our situation without The Bible - praise the Lord, we have a sure word of Prophecy wereunto we shall do well to take heed — now the best thing I can pray for, for my self & my friend is, that we may both have a lot & portion in the root & ofspring of David: and that our hopes of a Blefsed Immortallity may be built on that Book. which was to the Jews a Stumbling

block, & to the Greeks foolishnefs - may you & I my dear friend be often refresh'd from that Book that sattisfied the thirsty Israelites in the wildernefs, & exsperience that he is the bread & water of life to our Souls - and that the mind that is in him may be form'd in us the hope of Glory; and I humbly pray that we may daily exsperience more & more of his preciousness to our Souls, and that under the divine influence of his grace & holy Spirit we may daily ripen as shocks of corn to be gather'd into his Heavenly Garner; if we never see each others face in the flesh, may we meet in our fathers House above, & recognise each others face & join with the happy Spirits around his glorious throne in praising him for the wonders of his redeeming Love through the countless Ages of Eternity - please to excuse the incorrectness of my Ideas, as I have not the command of them as I could wish the week my Wife died I fell out of my Gig. & hurt my head very much & bruis'd my Body confiderably, it has left a lethergy in my head & stupidity always inclining me to sleep, if I sit still any length of time; so that I am oblidg'd to get up & walk - I feel pleas'd at seeing another of your Children; may the Lord blefs them all & make them a Comfort to you in your old age, your Son has began to exsperience. affliction & bereavment at an Early day, may he make a wise improvement of it, and I humbly pray that the Lord may Sanctify it to him; & make it a blefsing to his precious Soul, & that he may one day be able to say its good for me that I have been afflicted, it is one Item, in the Will & Testament of our Dear Saviour bequeath'd to his Diciples & chilldren, but if we love him, the promise is ours, out of them all he will deliver us — about 10 days ago one of my Grandsons was married: a Grand Daughter also, so there seems a probability if I survive this winter, I may become a great Grandfather But I say to my Soul. rather Rejoice. that your name is written in the Lambs book of life I have now living 46 grand Children have buried 14 — 60 in the whole; may they be a Seed to serve & Glorify God, in thier day & generation — you will please to exscuse my long Epistle; if it should be my last, we will talk it over when we meet at home in our fathers House — please to give my love & respects to your Bosom Companion & to all the branches of your family

I remain with great Respect your Sincere friend

John Hewson sen<sup>r</sup>

[Letter Number Seven]

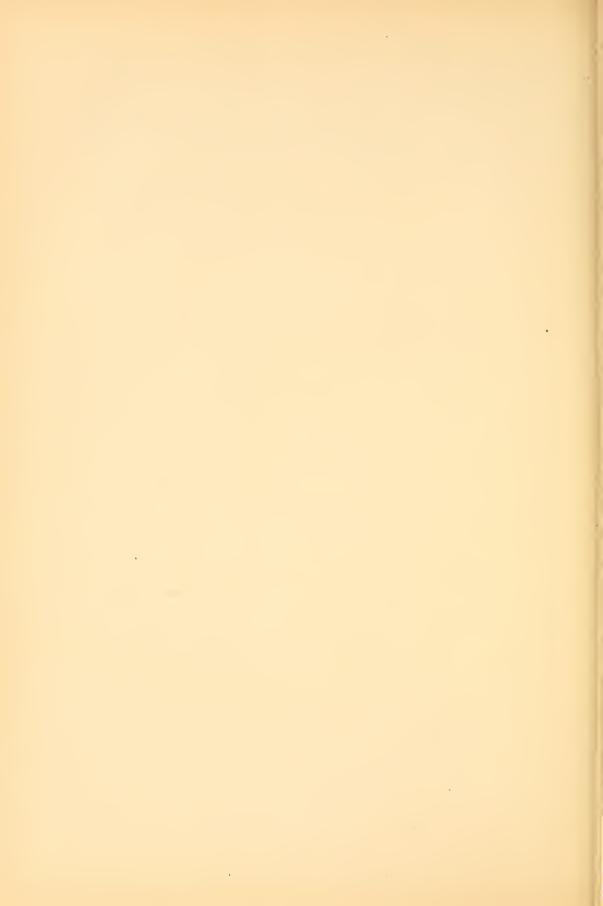
PHILADELPHIA I November 1820

My old friend Rufus Lincoln

I can only sett a few minuets to write at this time, having been taken with a violent fit of the Infleuenza, on Monday morning last, which has reduced me to the last exstremity I can scarcely look for 6 days longer if it continues — you will therefore excuse my short Epistle — I am on the verge of great Eternity at no time has it appear'd to be my home & resting place so much as the present, my dear friend prepare to follow me, to dwell where Jesus is, will make amends for all our suffer-

ings here, if in the course of our correspondance I may have dropt a hint whereby you have derived the least encouragement to flee to Jesus as your ark of Safety—I shall greatly rejoice in hopes of our meeting together to behold his glorious face in Heaven—where the Wicked cease from troubling and the weary pilgrim shall for ever be at rest; which the Lord in mercy grant may be realised to us—Adieu dear friend till Eternity breaks in upon our Disembody'd Spirits—My Dying love to your dear Wife & all your Children

John Hewson, Senr





THE Gamaliel Bradford who wrote these letters was a lieutenant in Captain Rufus Lincoln's Company, in the 7th Mass. Regiment of the Line, Colonel J. Brooks, commanding. His father, Gamaliel Bradford, Senior, was colonel of the 14th Mass. Regiment of the Line. Rufus Lincoln was a captain in this regiment also.

L. Trescot was an old army friend.

## LETTERS FROM ARMY FRIENDS

[Letter Number One]

Boston Jany 30. 1819

Dear Sir

I lately received a letter from you, otherways I should not have known you was in the land of the living, but this informed me that you was living and in the land of Wareham where shall direct this letter with the sincere hope it may find you well and happy and enjoying all the good things of this life and the consolations which are derived from the hopes of a better — It is a pleasure to me to hear there are so many of our old revolutionary associates still on this side the grave, although none of us can be far from this rendezvous of clay - I believe I am the youngest of the whole band, and I am far descended down the vale of years - I am fifty five and this is late in the afternoon of life — The last time you saw me I was not over twenty. a mere boy — We should therefore hardly remember each other if we were to meet; yet I think I should recognize my old captain, so well are his former looks imprest on my mind and memory. And it would give me great pleasure to meet you and talk over old events, and live over old scenes — What changes have taken place in the world, since our seperation as well as in ourselves - perhaps my life has been more checkered, and more marked with adventures than any of my old fellow soldiers -Very soon after I quit the army I adopted the profession of a Seaman — This was a new and to me a hard life — but I had no trade, and no fortune, and something must be done to gain a living — I was young and could endure hardships for I was used to them — two years perseverance in the miserable life of a common sailor, quallified me for promotion, and so I gradually rose to the command of a ship — I followed the sea from twenty one till I was forty five years old, and in course of these twenty four years I have seen much of the world, learned much of men and manners, and passed through scenes which it is my principal pleasure now to reflect that I shall pass through them no more. If however I have suffered, I have also enjoyed much; and it would be ungrateful perhaps for me to say that in the distribution of good and evil to me. I have not shared a due proportion of the former — I had a great desire and curiosity to visit distant parts of the world, and to see the customs and manners and habits of other nations — this desire has been amply gratified and I have received no small pleasure and happines in satisfying in so large a degree this curiosity — In my voyages I have successively visited the four quarters of the globe, Europe, Asia, Africa & America — I have been in almost all the different countries of Europe viz. England, France, Spain, Itally, Portugal, Germany, Denmark & Russia, and in most of the capital cities of each to say London, Lisbon, Naples, Copenhagen, St Petersburg — also in Liverpool, Bordeaux Cadiz, Malaga, Leghorn, Venice; in Sicily, Malta, Madeira & other Islands in the Atlantic ocean and in many of the West Indies together with many other places and parts of this great world which I shall not now fatigue you by enumerating. Among the strange things I have seen, I have seen Bonepart, and the old friend to America Lewis the Sixteenth, who has since had his head cut off and other kingly personages — You say you heard I had lost a leg — this is true but it was so long ago I have almost forgotten it, and perhaps should not now remember it at all if I was not too forcably and fatally reminded of it every time I want to rund or dance or even walk — You seem to desire to know how this happened I will endeavour to give you a short history of it — I have had a good deal of fighting to do since army times — I commanded an armed ship, a letter of marque two voyages during a short halfway war with the french in 1700 and 1800 — and in these two voyages was called to defend my colours four times — the first time I was attacked by four privateers who were more than five times my force, but I fairly beat them off, and bro't my ship safely into port in spite of them — after engaging them from ten oC. in the morning untill after sunset — The second & third times the enemy was but small force and were easily defeated — The fourth & last time was 8th July 1800 — I was attacked by three privateers of much superior force, which after an action of four hours we beat them off as usual; but in this action I recieved a grape shot in my thigh which obliged me to have my leg taken off and thus I became a cripple for life — I have however generally enjoyed good health and have not led an inactive life since notwithstanding the misfortune and have commanded a ship several voyages since so you see I dont give up for trifles — I quit the Sea about ten years ago, and for the last five have been in the command of a ship fast moored on terra firma — that is to say the State Prison this station gives me fifteen hundred dollars a year — I have a family of seven children — but the greatest affliction with which I have been visited is the loss of a most amiable and beloved wife — she died about 18 months ago, and I am left a solitary and mournful man — my children are scources of comfort for me, but happiness if fled with my dearest and hest friend

I have thus my old friend and messmate given you a long sketch of my past life and adventures, and present state and circumstances I feel obliged to you for your remembrance of me and my father — he lived to a good old age, and departed in Feby. 1807

I hope you get the pension, altho' I should be sorry to know that by reason of reduced circumstances you re'ed the assistance of the country— These are the degrading terms upon which this pension is to be granted— There would have been more of Justice as well as gratitude in the government to have said we give you this because you deserve, rather than because you need the assistance of your country— Our old brethren in this neighbourhood are not satisfied with the terms and conditions nor with the rate of this late pension law and we have petitioned Congress again upon the subject of half pay, but with what success time and the liberal sentiments of the government will determine

I remain my old friend Yours Sincerely Gam<sup>1</sup> Bradford

Captain Rufus Lincoln Wareham

#### [Letter Number Two]

BOSTON June 21 1821

Dear Sir

I received your letter vesterday, and am sorry it did not come a week sooner, as about that time the committee of the Cincinnati met, but they will not have another meeting for such business untill winter. Whenever there shall be an opportunity I shall use my influence in your favour. I received an application of the like nature from our old friend an companion Captain John Fuller, and obtained for him fifty

He lives in the State of Vermont, and his circumstances appear to be very similar to yours — he obtained the pension under the first act, but upon a valuation of his property, under the second, it appearing that he was worth three or four hundred dollars without deducting his debts, he was cut off from any further benefit as a pensioner — a most scandalous transaction, and too shameful to be recorded in the history of any nation that wishes to preserve the character of justice or common honesty

I am sorry for your "many infirmities" and wish as St Paul advises Timothy. that you were not obliged to drink water, but could use a little wine for them -These infirmities however are the common concomitants of old age, and from which the common lot of humanity will soon relieve us — I enjoy pretty good health, altho' I have had my share of the calamities and sufferings, and hardships of life

Wishing you all comfort and happiness

I remain

Vour friend

Gam<sup>1</sup> Bradford

Captain Rufus Lincoln Wareham

### [Letter Number Three]

BOSTON July 7. 1821

Dear Sir:

At the meeting of the Cincinnati on the 4th I made application to the society in your behalf, and obtained a Vote granting you 40 dollars which amount will be paid to your order on the Treasurer Captain Robert Williams in Boston.

Lam Sir

Your old friend

Gam<sup>1</sup> Bradford

The underwritten order or a copy of it will be proper

To Captain Robert Williams

Treasurer of the Society of the Cincinnati of Massachusetts

Sir Please to pay to forty dollars, amount voted me by the

society on the 4th July

Wareham

Rufus Lincoln Esqr

Wareham

### [Letter Number Four]

Boston Feby. 18. 1824

Dear Sir

I laid your letter before the committee of the Cincinnati, & I suppose there was money voted you which you may recieve by sending to the Treasurer Capt Robert Williams — I am very sick & can write no more

Your friend

Gam<sup>1</sup> Bradford

Capt R. Lincoln

### [Letter Number One]

LUBECK 22th November 1823

Capt Rufus Lincoln
Dear Sir

Your very friendly letter of the 21st march last by m<sup>r</sup> Gibbs, I have receiv<sup>d</sup> & am glad to hear you are in the land of the Leving

In the year 1784 I came to this Country with the late Colo Crune & Colo Allan & went into trade, but I Soon found I did not understand this dollar & Cent buisness my employment Since has been various, I have been Collector of the Destrict of Machias & the Destrict of Passamaquody & at the winding up have acquired a sufficiency to cary me to my Journys end which cannt be long as I am now 72 years of age — I lament to hear of your deafness & other Infirmaties. I have been Blessed with a Strong healthy Constatution untill lately, I now find myself rapidly declineing — that you may live to recover your hearing & get read of your infirmaties is the wish of your old friend & Brother officer

L. Trescott

### [Letter Number Two]

LUBECK Feby 15th 1826

Capt Rufus Lincoln Dear Sir

I recev<sup>d</sup> your kind letter of —— by M<sup>r</sup> Gibbs some time since, which would have been answered had I not been so much out of health as prevented. I have been confined to my house for four month past, my health is very poor, I think it is rather on the mending hand, we cannot expect to remain long our Cotemporus are allmost gone & we must soon follow

I should be glad to hear from you I am with much

esteem your friend

L. Trescott

Captain Rufus Lincoln Hond by Mr Gibbs Wareham





#### CIRCULAR LETTER FROM "THE SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI"

BOSTON April A. D. 1825

Sir:—The surviving officers of the Revolutionary Army, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April instant, held a meeting in Boston and appointed the subscribers a Committee, with authority and instructions in their behalf, to prepare a respectful petition to Congress to be presented at the commencement of the next session; and they likewise instructed us in their behalf, to communicate to the surviving officers of that army, belonging to your State, the measures they had adopted, and intended to pursue on the subject, and most earnestly request your co-operation. In conformity with these instructions, we have prepared a petition to Congress, a sketch of which, we do ourselves the honour to transcribe for your consideration. It is as follows:—

"To the honourable Senate and House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States

"The petition of the Subscribers, in behalf of themselves, and the surviving officers of the Revolutionary Army of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, humbly and respectfully sheweth.

"That the grave has closed on the principal part of the officers who served in the war of American Independence, and the few who survive are far advanced in age, and are now incapable of any employment to obtain the necessary comforts of life. That they feel a delicacy in presenting their claims to the justice of the present Representatives of the nation; and it would be their strong wish, only to rejoice with their fellow citizens, in contemplating the prosperity and happiness which were acquired by the sacrifices, toils, and dangers which were encountered at that eventful epoch. That they deem it unnecessary to enter into a particular detail of the justice of the claims of those, who served in the revolutionary army: that it is only necessary to be acquainted with the public engagements to them, and the manner in which they were fulfilled, to render it apparent that a debt of justice is still due to them.

"That the history of that period will prove, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that the public engagements stipulated a certain sum for their services, in gold and silver, or what was equal in value: that during the principal part of the war, payment was made in continental paper bills, which were greatly depreciated when they were received, and those same bills which were received at par, for these services, were redeemed, and one dollar was paid for one hundred.

"The history of that period will likewise prove, that in the settlement of the army accounts at the close of the war, the balances were ascertained by commissioners, and naked certificates only, without any funds being provided to establish

their credit, were given in payment. That these certificates were made payable to the bearer, and passed in the market in the same manner as the depreciated paper money, and had no other value than what was stamped on them by public opinion.

"That the officers, at the close of the war, were strongly advised to hold their arms until they were paid according to the spirit of the public engagements. That relying on the justice of their country, they refused to listen to this advice, and their military services being no longer necessary, as was their duty, they retired to their homes, and mixed with their fellow citizens.

"That having been absent eight years from their usual employments, and having received their monthly compensation, during the course of the war, in depreciated paper money, and on the final settlement of their accounts, having received unfunded certificates for the balances due to them, they were compelled by necessity, to dispose of these certificates for what they would bring in the market, which was not more than one eighth part of their nominal value.

"That it will be found on the records of their country, that on the part of the army, the engagements were faithfully fulfilled; and on the same records, will be found the manner in which it was fulfilled on the part of the government. That we are sensible, a large sum has been appropriated, within a few years, for the relief of the revolutionary army: that the law, however, making this provision, only extends to a part of the army, while others equally entitled are excluded from its benefits.

"That we have reason to believe, that our fellow citizens would rejoice, to see compensation made to all who now survive, an indeed would feel an happiness in having an opportunity of smoothing the declining years of a class of men, whose lives were devoted to the best interests of their country.

"We, therefore, humbly and respectfully pray that our case may be taken into your wise consideration, and that during the remainder of the lives of those officers who served three years, or during the war, and who have not been provided for by the pension law, they may be allowed half pay the remainder of their lives, and such other compensation as equity, justice, and, indeed, good policy may require. And your petitioners, as in duty bound, shall ever pray."

Committee

We have thus given you a general sketch of our petition. It is our intention to deliver it to Mr Webster, before the next session of Congress, and request him to present it. Our claim is founded in justice, we have every reason to believe it will be listened to with a strong desire to afford us relief.

We should be happy to know your views on the subject, and there will be sufficient time to unite in such measures, as will be most likely to effect the desired object. Not knowing to a certainty, who is the senior surviving officer of your line of the revolutionary army, we may have made a mistake in addressing this communication to you. If so, we would thank you to inclose and address it to such senior officer and afford him the assistance of your advice in making the arrangement.

We shall furnish Mr. Webster, and other members of Congress, with documents to prove the manner in which the army was paid, the losses which were sustained by the depreciation of the paper money, and the unfunded certificates for the balances due to them at the end of the war, and, indeed all the evidence which can be obtained, to show that a debt of justice is now due to us.

When we consider the liberal manner in which our beloved and highly meritorious associate in that war (Gen Lafayette has been rewarded, and the universal joy with which that measure has been received by our fellow citizens, we are encouraged to expect, that our claims will be received with a spirit of candour and liberality. Any communications which you may think proper to make on the subject we will thank you to address Capt. Robert Williams, the Secretary of the meeting of officers, at

Should the few surviving officers of your line agree with us in our opinion, that it is expedient to make application to Congress, at the next session, we think it would have a happy effect, for you to communicate your views and intentions to the officers of the other States as well as to ours.

Having ourselves the fullest confidence in the justice and equity of our claim, and believing it will give great satisfaction to our fellow citizens of the United States, to see those characters rewarded, who aided and assisted in procuring the blessings which are now enjoyed, we think we should be wanting in duty to ourselves, to omit presenting them; and we cannot entertain a doubt, but our expectations of justice will be realized.

It is, in our opinion, impossible to imagine a stronger claim, than we have on the justice of our country. It is well known, that we were paid for our revolutionary services in paper money, after it had greatly depreciated, and in unfunded certificates, which were not worth more than one eighth part of what was due to us, when they were issued. If it be asked why we received them, our answer is, that we must either have adopted the advice of "the anonymous writer," and held our arms, until we were paid, or returned to our homes without the means of paying the expenses of our journey

If it be asked, why we did not retain the paper money, and the certificates we had received, our first answer is, that our situation, dire necessity, compelled us to dispose of them: we have however another answer. If we had retained the paper money, which we received for our wages, untill the funding system took place, we should then have received only one dollar for an hundred: for it is well known that the very paper money, which we received for our wages, was funded at that rate one dollar only was given for an hundred: It is true, if it had been possible for us to have retained the certificates, which we received at the close of the war, for the balances which were then due to us, our losses would not have been so great: but in that case, as those certificates were funded, the contract with us would not have been fulfilled, as to that part.

It is well known, those certificates carried on the face of them an interest of six per cent: not a cent of interest was paid on them for a number of years and not until the funding system was adopted: all the interest which had accrued, was funded at three per cent only; and on one third of the whole sum, the interest was deferred for ten years. Therefore had we retained the certificates, we should not have been paid according to the contract and promise of the government.

If, therefore, the sum which was saved to the public, by the deviation from the contract, should now be appropriated to make up the losses we sustained, by the manner in which we were paid, no new debt would be created, and the government would only pay the sum which was stipulated by the original contract.

We have not made these statements with an expectation that Congress will go into a critical examination of the losses we have sustained in consequence of the manner in which we have been paid, and now entirely make up to us the difference on an accurate re-settlement of the account, with the interest which has accrued: but we have done it for the purpose of showing, that we never have received the compensation which we were promised, and that we now come forward with fair and equitable claims on the government. The principal part of our associates are sleeping in the tomb, and have no occasion for any assistance from their country. The few who remain are tottering over the grave, and will soon, very soon, follow their companions, and be at rest.

We feel a confident expectation, that the present generation will feel a pride and happiness that it is reserved for them, to console and cheer the last days of even the last surviving individual, who acted a part in the struggle for independence

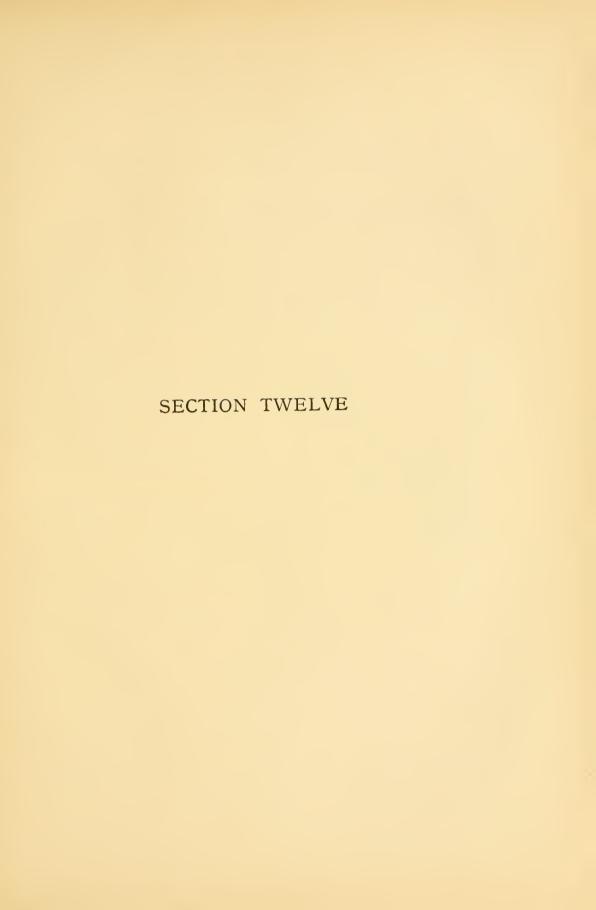
On the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, when the surviving officers meet to celebrate the auspicious event of our independence, it is hoped that measures will be taken, by those of your line of the army, to co-operate with us in the application. During the continuance of the war, and at the close of it, the resources of the country were so exhausted, that although a strong disposition was manifested to do us justice, yet it was not probably in the power of Congress to do it. That difficulty is now removed: the resources of the country are abundant, and an honest debt never ought to be considered as cancelled, until it is paid.

It is our intention to ascertain and furnish Congress, with evidence of the number of surviving officers in Massachusetts, who have not been provided for by the pension law. They are very few, not more than eighteen or twenty. If the surviving officers of your line should think proper to petition Congress, would it not be expedient to ascertain the number in your State as nearly as possible

We are, in behalf of the surviving officers of the Massachusetts line of the revolutionary army,

Your friends and old Companions in arms,

DANIEL JACKSON FRANCIS GREEN ROBERT WILLIAMS Committee of the Surviving revolutionary officers.



ORDERS to Captain of Fatigue Party, at Verplanck's Point, New York.

Sundry loose sheets, evidently from missing books.

Pension Papers of Rufus Lincoln, and letters relating thereto.

Under Act of Congress of March 18, 1818, Rufus Lincoln's name was, on April 14, 1819, placed upon the Pension Roll, at twenty dollars per month.

May I, 1821, his name was "removed" from the Roll, upon the ground that he did not come under the Act, as "Needy," the schedule of his property showing him to be worth \$1599.

After some years, and much correspondence, a reëxamination of his claim was made, and it was shown that an error of *one thousand dollars* had been made in the footing of the schedule. Proof also was given that at the time when his Claim was filed, his property was not worth one third of the \$1500.

The Clerk of the Court, before whom the original affidavit was made, stated that in writing the dollar sign (\$), one of the perpendicular lines was made so as to appear to be the figure "I," which made the footing read \$1599, whereas the correct footing was only \$599.

Rufus Lincoln's name was restored to the Roll on February 21, 1826. In 1829 his pension was increased to forty dollars per month, which amount was paid to him until his death, February, 1838, and to his widow until her death, October, 1839.

Claim Papers, against the United States. It is interesting to note the depreciated value of the currency. The two accounts differ considerably, but they are given as made out.

Commission of Captain Rufus Lincoln as Constable or Collector of Taunton.

Will and Probate Papers of Nathaniel Linkon.

Ouit-Claim Deed of Thomas Linkon.

Receipt of the daughters of Nathaniel Lincoln, for the estate of their aunt, Experience Lincoln, under his will.

Letter from George Gilbert Lincoln.

## MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS

#### FATIGUE PARTY ORDER

Sir

The Fatigue Party of 50 Men is to repair the Cause-Way on to Verplankes Point & the Road beyond the Causeway on the Point. It will be necesssary the Party is furnished with Axes, Spades, & some Pickes, and two Teams or some Wheel Barrows which must be applied for tat the Store at the Village & to Colo Hughes or Major Campbell for the Teams & Wheelbarrows if Wheelbarrows are furnished it will be best to carry them down by Water procuring an Order for a Boat of Engn Bradley from the General — to receive them at Kating Landing it is expected the Work may be completed in three Days at farthest

Camp Octor 13th 1781

To the Capt of the Fatigue Party

your Humb<sup>le</sup> Servt Tho<sup>s</sup> Grofvenor Lieu<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> &c De A. Genl

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will return them selves as directed on or before the 1st day of January next.

RACKY 1 HILL NEAR PRINSTOWN Novr. 2th 1783

The United States in Congress assembled after giving the most honourable testimony to the merits of the feederal armies and presenting them with the thanks of their country, for their long eminent and faithful Services — having thought proper by their proclamation, beiring date the 18th of October last to discharge Such part of the troops as were engaged for the war: and to permit the officers on furlough to retire from Service from an after to-morrow. which proclamation having been commucated in the public papers for the information and government of all but any Senior officers intitled to remain in Service Shall have the liberty of retiring with the emoulament of officers retiring under the acts last resited, for reasons Satisfactorary to the Commander in Chief as Commanding officer of the Southarn army on Such retiring officers relinquisushing his Command and futer right of promotion in the army, and Signifing the Same on or before the 1th day of January next to the Commander in Chief or the Comd. of the Southarn army, who shall duly transmit lists of Such retiring officers to the Secetery at war, any act on resulition of Congress to the contrary hereof notwithstanding

Seinor officers who are intitled to remain in Service but who may choose to retire with the emoluments allowed by the before recited refolve

<sup>1</sup> Rocky Hill.

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HEAD QUARTERS NEWBERG June 2th 1783

The honorable the Congress have ben pleased to pass the foloing Resolves, By the United States in Congress assembled on motion Resolved

That the Commander in Cheif be instructed to grant furloos to noncommissond officers and Solders in the Service of the United States enlisted to Serve during the war, who Shall be discharged as Soon as the difinitive treaty of Peace is concluded to geather with a propotinable number of Commissioned officers of diffirants grades—and that the Secerity at war and the Commander in Cheif take proper measures for Conduction those troops to their respitive homes in Such a maner as may be most conveante to themselves and the States through which they pass, and that the men thus furlowed be alloued to take their arms with them

#### FROM AN OLD POCKET DIARY

The United States to Cap<sup>t</sup> Rufus Lincoln D<sup>r</sup> To Expence while on Command in Springfield and marchaing on 86 Recruites to West point Twenty five New commission Dollars

May 28th 1781

Coppyed from an old Book

R. Lincoln

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August 21th 1784

Rec for Ichabod Lincoln Seventy four Dollars

Nobr 8th 1784

then payed John Porter five pounds two Shillings on accompt of an Excution which the S<sup>d</sup> porter had against my brother Ichabod Lincoln the above Exicution came by Simeon Baker

Mr Dier Pratt payed five pounds Eight Shillings on the Same account at the Same time.

R. Lincoln

#### CERTIFICATE OF ARMY VOUCHERS

These certify that Cap<sup>t</sup> Rufus Lincoln of Taunton in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts personally appeared this twinty Ninth day of July 1786 & made solemn Oath that Two Certificates by him now exhibited & to be exhibited to the Commissioner of the Continental Loan Office viz N° 10157 Dated January first 1782 for the sum of sour hundred & forty sour  $\frac{44}{90}$ . Dollars & N° 11342. Dated November 4<sup>th</sup> 1783 for the sum of Eight, hundred Dollars were given to him & now are his Property

S Before me

Sam<sup>1</sup> Fales Jus Pas.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Rufus Lincoln presented to the "First Congress," 1789-91, a petition for money he had advanced from his private account, "for food and clothing supplied to his men when on service;" also "for recruiting," and "for personal property and money lost when taken prisoner of war."

This Bill of Claims, with several others, was read and ordered to be "laid on the table," and evidently left there, as frequent applications for relief were made without result.

When Washington was burned by the British in the War of 1812, large numbers of Revolutionary War claims and the papers relating to them were destroyed.

April 13, 1818, the petition was again presented, "Read and ordered to lie on the table." "Dec. 7, 1818, Referred to the Committee on Revolutionary War Claims." "Dec. 11, 1818, Report made and petition rejected." The total amount of these claims is not known, but from all that I can gather, amounted to but a few hundred dollars.

The matter of his commutation pay is a much more interesting subject.

Captain Lincoln always claimed that he never received one cent of his "Commutation Pay," and his son, Minor Sprague Lincoln, has often told of the money advanced by his father for the good of the cause, which the Government would not repay, and furthermore, that his father was never able to obtain even the pay due to him, as promised.

In 1851 Minor S. Lincoln, upon the advice of his old friend Hon. Daniel Webster, placed these claims in the hands of an attorney, John P. Duval, who was then endeavoring to collect a number of similar claims from the Government. How far the matter was carried, no one now living knows, but after the expenditure of considerable money, the matter seems to have been dropped.

The Treasury Department shows that "Pay Warrants" were issued to Rufus Lincoln for twenty-four hundred dollars, and evidently cashed, but as Rufus Lincoln always maintained that he never had one cent of this money, the question naturally arises, who did get it?

Mr. Duval presented a petition to Congress from Captain Lincoln's heirs reciting the services Captain Rufus Lincoln rendered to his country, his rank on the Massachusetts Captains List, and the evidence that he served to the close of the war. It also states that he was admitted to the benefits under Act of Congress, March 18, 1818, and May 15, 1828 (Pension Acts), and "that the same evidence is required to entitle him to commutation pay, and that Congress itself decided that the name of an officer on the Pension Roll was self-sufficient evidence to entitle him to commutation pay," and cites several cases.

Further, it speaks of "the considerable sums expended in purchasing provisions for his company and for other public service during the War of the Revolution, which amounts were never refunded to him or his heirs."

In searching for these papers, it was found that two original commissions from the United States to Rufus Lincoln were filed with his pension papers in 1818, as follows:—

Captain in the Seventh Mass. Regiment from April 13, 1780, and dated Philadelphia, 16th September, 1782. Signed John Hanson, President of Congress.

Ist Lieutenant in Fourteenth Mass. Regiment from 1st January, 1777, dated Philadelphia, 29th September, 1779. Signed Saml Huntington, President of Congress.

For a complete record of Rufus Lincoln's service in the War of the Revolution, see "Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War," vol. ix. pp. 799 and 818.

# War Department.

### REVOLUTIONARY CLAIM.

I CERTIFY that, in conformity with the Law of the United States, of the 18th of March, 1818,

in the Army of the Revolution, is inscribed on the Pension List, Roll of the Mafrachusett Agency, at the rate of Inenty dollars per month, to commence on the Major Reful one thousand eight hundred and Eight term

GIVEN at the War Office of the United

States, this

day of

April one thousand eight

hundred and nineteen.

Secretary of War.

# War Department.

PENSION OFFICE, Thely 21, 1826

STR:

In conformity with the law of the United States, of the 1st March, 1823, authorizing the Secretary of War to restore the names of certain persons to the List of Pensioners, you are hercby notified, that your name has been this day restored to the Pension Roll of the /reafrachuretts Agency, and that, agreeably to the provisions of said act, your allowance, as a Pensioner, will commence from the / h of Thebry 1826, the day on which the evidence was closed upon which you obtained a restoration to the List. The semi-annual returns for March 1826, having been already transmitted to the Pension Agents, your name cannot be reported for payment until Sept. next. I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant.

J. L. Edwards

To Mr. Reefees Lincoln,
United States' Pensioner.

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Thousand OR presentatives,

# Revolutionary Claims.

Under the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," approved 15th May, 1828.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

12 July 1828

SIR:

The claim of Rufus Landu, Sign. \_\_\_ under the abovementioned act, having been examined, he is found to be entitled to the pay of Cantain of Infants in the Continental Line. The amount which may be due, accordingly, will be remitted to you as his attorney, by the Treasurer of the United States.

I am, sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

Richard Rush.

Minor S. Lindle Eigr.

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### REVOLUTIONARY CLAIMS

Under the Act entitled — "An Act for the relief of certain Surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," — approved 15 May 1828"

TREASURY DEPARTMENT 3d August 1829

Sir:

I enclose to you a Pay-Certificate, issued under the seal of this Department, showing the pay that you are entitled to receive during life, under the above-mentioned Act. You will write your name on the margin of the Certificate at the places indicated. As this Certificate is to be exhibited every half year, in establishing your identity, you will perceive the necessity of preserving it with great care.

It is designed, with the aid of this Certificate, to adopt a more easy mode of proof, than has hitherto been required for the half-yearly payments. With that view, the annexed form has been transmitted to you, to be used for the payment which will become due on the 3<sup>d</sup> of September next. It will be necessary for you, on or after that day, to exhibit to some Justice of the Peace, in the county in which you reside, your Pay-Certificate, and to make oath that you are the person therein described and to whom the same is granted.

That affidavit you will sign. The Justice of the Peace will certify that the same was sworn to and signed in his presence.

And the Clerk of the County Court will authenticate, under seal of the Court, the act of the Justice of the Peace.

Where the Justice of the Peace is the one before whom your former declaration was sworn, the Certificate of the Clerk of the Court may be dispensed with.

After being duly executed, the form should be returned to this Department.

If the printed form now sent to be filled up, should by accident be spoiled, an exact copy should be made and used. It is particularly requested that this may be strictly observed.

A draft on such Branch Bank of the United States as you may request, will be transmitted to you, by letter, addressed to such Post Office as you may indicate. With this view, a note is made on the margin of the Annexed form which you will fill up accordingly.

It is requested that all Letters on this subject may be endorsed "Revolutionary Claims."

I am, sir, very respectfully

Your obedient servant

S. D. INGHAM
Secretary of the Treasury

Boston. Decem. 28 1820

Thave received your fam of the. 25 th with its enclosure. Thope to inform you in the course of a short time of my having obtained the lands for you. - the bulue of them however is small, compaind to the price they would have fold for a Year Junie . \_ . The Most they will bring now is therty fine bento the acre at which Ishall be willing to fell my Share in the went of their being recovered -. Sursh you to inform me of the place of residence of Thomas D. Freeman who was a Lew in the of the Regiment, and of James Scott who was an Ensign. - Thave documents to recover the Military Senies of both there men if Iknow where they were to be found. - Was you acquainted with Joseph Fenten who was a Lieut in the 13 they and killed in ference, stan you inform me what Town he belonged to. I fam fir yours Respectfully

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## COMMISSION OF CAPTAIN RUFUS LINCOLN AS CONSTABLE

Beistol Ss To Cap<sup>t</sup> Rufus Lincoln one of the Constables or Collectors of the Town of Taunton with in the County of Bristol afore said Greeting

In the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts you are required to Levy. & Collect of the Several Perfons Named in the Lift herewith Committed unto you Each one his respective Proportion there in Set down of the Sum Total of Such List it being This Towns Proportion of the Tax or Asessment of three hundred thousand four hundred and thirty Nine Pounds one Shilling and three Pence Granted and agreed upon by the General Court of said Common Wealth at their Sessions be Gun and held at Boston the 25th day of May A D 1785 and Continued by adjoument untill March A D 1786 for Defraving the Necessary Charges of Secureng Praticting and Defending the Same and you are to Transmitt and Pay in the Same unto Thomas Ivers Treasurer and receiver General of this Common wealth or to his Succesor in that office and to Compleat and Make up an accompts of your Collection of one half Part of the whole Tax or assessment Committed unto you to Collect on or before the first day of January A D 1787 Two third Parts of said half you are to receive in Certificates Issued from the Loan office for the Interest of Liquidated debt and the other third Part of Said half in Specie: and Like wife you are to Com Pleat and Make up an accompts of your Collection of the other half part of said Tax or afsefsment Committed unto you as aforesaid on or before the first day of April A D 1787 Two third Parts of the Last Mentioned half you are to receive in Such of the army notes So Called as are Payable in the years A D 1784 and 1785 and 1786 or Certificates Issued there for and the remainding third Part in Specie and If any Person Shall refuse or Neglect to pay the Sum he if assessed in said List you are to Distrain the Good or Chattels of Such Person to the Value there of and the Diffress so taken to keep for the space of four days at the Cost and Charge of the owner & If the owner shall not Pay the Sum So Assessed on him with in the Said four days then you are to Sell at Publick Vandue the Diffress So Taken for the Payment there of with Charges first giving forty Eight hours notis of Such Sale by Posting up advertisements there of in Som Publick Place in the Town District or Plantation as the case may be and the over Pluss arising by Such Sale iff any there be: befides the Sum of Afsessment and the Necessary Charges of Taking and Keeping the said Diffress you are Immediately to restore to the owner and for want of good or Chattles whereon to Make Diftress besides Toal or Implements Necessary for his Trade or ocupation beafts of the Plough Necessary for the Cultivation of his Improved Land arms Utenfils for House keeping Necessary for upholding Life beding and apprel Necessary for him Self and family for the Space of Twelve days You are to Take the body of Such Perfons So refusing or Neglecting and him Comnitt unto the Common Goal of the County there to remain untill he Pay the Same or Such part there of as Shall not be abated by the assessors for the Time being or the Court of General Sessions of the Peace for Said County Given under our hands and Seals by Virtue of a Warrant from the Treasurer Afore Said

Dated at Taunton afore faid this Nineth Day of August A D 1786

Ichabod Leonard
Abiel Macomber
Rufus Dean

Afsefsors of
Taunton
1786

The Common Wealth Warrant for Cap<sup>t</sup> Rufus Lincoln one of the Conftables or Collectors of the Town of Taunton 1786

### WILL OF NATHANIEL LINCOLN

In the Name of God amen I Nathaniel Linkon of Taunton in the County of Bristol in New England yeoman being of Sound memory and Disposeing mind Blessed be god therefore this Sevententh day of October in ye thirty first year of the Reign of our Soverign Lord George the Second and in the year of our Lord Christ 1757: Calling to mind ye mortality of my body as Knowing it is appointed to man once to die thinking it is my Duty to Set my house in order before I die and therefore first and above all I Commit my Soul to God in Christ Trusting through him and him only to obtain Salvation: and my body to the Earth for a Decent Burial at the Discression of my Loving wife Alice & my Son Samuel Torey Exrs hereafter named Knowing I Shall Recive the Same at the General Reserection and the worldly Estate god has given me after Just Debts and funerall Charges: I Despose of the Same in manner and form following Viz

first I Give to Said beloved Wife the whole Income and Improvement of my Estate Rael and personable within dore and without nothing Excepted She to have and Improve the Same During the Time She Contains my widdow and She to Improve the Same During sd widowhod without Strip or waste Provided sd wife give to my aunt Experience Linkon a Sutable Suport During her Life and at her Death a Christian burial.

Secondly I Give to my Son Nathaniel Linkon of Rehoboth over and above what I have hereto given him and paid to one Elisha Bozwoth to wards his Settlement and Lands I Convayed him at a place Called three mile River I give him now fiften Pounds Lawfull money to be paid to the s<sup>d</sup> Nathaniel within three years after my Deceasse by my Son Ichabod Linkon or his heirs—and further I give S<sup>d</sup> Son Nathaniel Linkon his heirs and assigns for Ever all my Ceder Swamp in Taunton great Ceder Swamp and in a Ceder Swamp Called Crooked medow Ceder Swamp within the Township of f<sup>d</sup> Taunton and Raynham that Called the burt ground only Excepted I also give S<sup>d</sup> Nathaniel his heirs and assigns for Ever one half of my Intrestin a grestmill Known by the name of

Cap<sup>t</sup> Andrewses mills I allso give Said Son Nathaniel Linkon his heirs and afsigns for Ever all my whole Intrest in Taunton old Town Ship within s<sup>d</sup> County with Lands due thereon and Right to all Comonage in s<sup>d</sup> Proprety and after my wifes widowhood I give him one half of all my husbondry Tools af Shall be Left at her Decease and all my wareing apparral and all I have here to given S<sup>d</sup> Son he to have and hold the Same after my wives Decease or at Time of her Intermarriage if She Should So do

Thirdly I Give and Bequeath to my Son Ichabod Linkon of sd Taunton all and Singualer my mantion house Lands and buildings and Eddifices, where sd house and barn now Stand on both Sides the highway Leading by my Dwelling house in sd Taunton with all my other Lands I Shall Die Seized of Including the whole of my Rael Estate half my Intrest in the grist mill and all other Real Estate I Shall die Seized of in the County

In the County of Bristol or Els where not befor Disposed of in this Will to him Said Son Ichabod his heirs and assigns for Ever as an Absoloute Estate in fee simple he to Enter and hold the Same at the Time of his mothers Death or upon her Intermarriage if She Should So do Provided he Said Ichabod pay his Brother Nathaniel the above Said Sum of fifteen Pound as above said and allso Provided he pay all my Just Debts and funeral Charge but in case he Should Refuse paying sd Sum to Sd Nathaniel at the Time above Said or do not pay all my Just Debts and funerall Charges then my Exerss as above named is here by fully impowerd to make Sale and Execute a good Deed or Deeds of So much of the Rael Estate given to Said Ichabod as to pay the Same and to Sell the Same where it Shall be Least Prediceal to sd Ichabod Intrest, which sd Deed or Deeds So Executed by Either of my Said Executor or Executors Shall be good and Valued in the Law for the Convaying So much of sd Rael Estate as to pay sd fifteen Pounds and by Debts as above Said I also give Said Son one gun or one Sword Caled the White head Sword and a book Called yd Westminstere Confesion of faith all which Lands Premises and other things in this Will mentioned or given Said Ichabod he his heirs and assigns to have and hold after his mothers Decase Provided he pay as above Said

Fourthly I Give to my five Daughters viz: To alice wife of Benjamin Briggs of Rehoboth mary Prat wife of Peter Prat of Taunton Constant wife of Samuel Torey of s<sup>d</sup> Taunton Matha widow of Richard Liscombe and Sufannah wife of George Burt of s<sup>d</sup> Taunton over and above what I have here to for given to Each of them at time of marriage I now give Each of Said Daughters Six Shillings Each to be paid by my wife Exects as above Said and In one year after my Decease and all the goods and Chattels I have given Said wife that She Shall Die Seized of or at Time of her marriage if it Should So happen I give to said five Daughters Each of them to have and hold one fifth Part thereof for Ever.

And I Constitute and appoint my said wife alice and Said Son Samuel Torey Exers to this my Last Will and Testament and I do here by utterly Revoke and make void all former Wills and Testaments by me hereto fore made and all Exers before

those in this Will named and I do Ratifie this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament holding firm and Valued all donations here in named and made In Witness Whereof I have here unto Set my hand and Seeal the Day and year

first above written. Signed Sealed Pubilished pronounced and Declared to be the Last Will and Testament of Nathaniel Linkon I presence of us Job Smith. James Macomber

Nathaniel Linkon (S)

Know all men that I Nathaniel Linkon above named this 23<sup>d</sup> Day of may 1760 and In the 33<sup>d</sup> year of his majsties Reign Being of Sound memory and Disposeing mind Blessed be god therefore do Ratify and Confirm all and Every Part of the foregoin Will Save only as follows the Donation made to my Son Nathaniel was fifteen Pounds now my Will is that Said Son Ichabod pay S<sup>d</sup> Nathaniel the Sum of but Ten Pound and So Said Will Shall be under Stood and further my Will is that my Said Son Ichabod Shall be an Exe<sup>r</sup> with my other Exe<sup>xrx</sup> in the Room of Samuel Torey before named Provided he pay what I have ordered him in this will and Just Debts as above Said and this is part and Parcel of my before Will and Shall be So accounted and understood Witness my hand and Seal the day Last above mentioned Signed Sealed Pubilished Pronounced and Declared as part of Last Will and Testement in Presents of us Wittnesses

Job Smith Ebenezer Pitts Ju<sup>r</sup> James Williams

James Williams

Nathaniel Linkon (S)

Know all men by these Presents that I Nathaniel Linkon of Taunton Within named this Sixth day of march 1761 Continuing of Sound memory and Disposing mind Blessed be god therefore tho Labouring under Weeknefs and Indispotition of Body do Ratfy all and Singualer my forgoing Will and Testament Save only as follows (viz) the Ten Pounds I have given said Son Nathaniel to be paid by my Son Ichabod. my Will is Sd Son Ichabod Shall not pay the Same but Shall hold the Lands and Premises to him given in this Will as tho he had paid Said Sum and further my Will is that all the Lands and Ceder Swamp given Said nathaniel my Son Ichabod to have and hold the Same for Ever his heirs and assigns to enable him to pay my Just Debts &c and my Will is that Said fon Ichabod Shall hold and to his heirs and assigns all my Quarter Part of my gristmill after the Decease of my Wife She to Improve the Sam her Lifetime. Furthermore my Will is that my Grandson Son of my Son Nathaniel Linkon he Shall have and hold my gun Powder horns Buletts Shot and all appurtanances belonging to mellitary accutrements he to have and hold the Same for Ever and this foregoing Codical Shall be hence fourth accounted known and underStood to be as part and Percal of my Last Will and Testament any thing to the Conterary not Withstanding In Witness and Conformation Whereof I have Pubilished Pronounced and Delared the Same in the Presence of the following Witnesses

Benjamin Linkon

Nathaniel Linkon (S)

John Linkon James Williams.

ENDORSEMENT ON BACK OF WILL.

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Copy of m<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Linkons Will = JUDGE of the Probate of Wills, and for granting Letters of Administration on the Estates of Persons deceased, having Goods, Chattels, Rights or Credits in the County of within the Province asoresaid,

To all unto whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

Deceased, to these Presents annexed, was proved, approved and allowed, who having while Lee Lived, and at the Time of Lived and the Country aforesided to the Country of the Death, Country of the Country of the Country of the countr

who having while he Lived, and at the Time of her Death, Goods, Chattels, Rights or Credits in the County aforefaid; and the Probate of the faid Will, and Power of committing Administration of all and fingular the Goods, Chatels, Rights and Credits of the said Deceased, by virtue thereof appertaining unto Me; the Administration of all and singular the Goods, Chattels, Rights and Credits of the said Deceased, and he Will in any minner concerning, is hereby committed unto her existence of the said Deceased, and her will in any minner concerning, is hereby committed unto her existence of the said Deceased, and her will in any minner concerning, is hereby committed unto her existence of the said Deceased, and her will be said to the said Deceased, and her will be said to the said Deceased.

Executors — in the same Will named, well and saithfully to execute the said Will, and to administer the Estate of the said deceased according thereunto: And to make a true and perfect Inventory of al and singular the Goods, Chattels, Rights and Credits of the said Deceased; and to exhibit the same into the Registry of the Court of Probate for the County asoresaid, at or before the south — Day of singust — next ensuing: And also to render a plain and true Accompt of gormanistration upon Oath.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand, and the Seal of the said Court of Probate. Dated at Sucreton the South

Annoque Domini, 1761

George Leonard

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Johoboo Linkons

### DEED OF THOMAS LINKON

Know all men that I Thomas Linkon of Taunton in the County of Bristel in the Province of ye Maffachusets Bay in new England have Reseived of my Brother Nathaniel linkon of Taunton in ye County afoer fead fix shilins Lawful money and in Consideration thare of due for my felve my Hairs Executers & Admity Remife Relefe and for Ever Clame quitt to him fead Nathaniel Linkon all my Right titel Intrust Clame & Demand in and unto all the Lands Left By our Honrd father Thomas Linkon Decst not Convead By will an Deads that is to feav the Land on the hie hills & Loccold near Samuel Knaps — and all ye Seder Swomps and and Rights in ye Propority to him Sead Nathaniel Linkon his Hairs & Assine forever to him and his only Proper use and Bhoofe. Witnes my hand Hear unto Sot the fifth Day of Februay Anno Domini one Thousand Seven houndred and fifty five and in ye twenty Eaight year of his Majesties Raign

Thomas Linkon ( )



figned fealed and Delivered in Prefents of us mary linkon Ledva drake

#### ENDORSEMENT ON BACK OF DEED

# BRISTOL SS TAUNTON february ye 5th 1761

Personely appeared the With in Named Thomas Lincoln and acknoledged this Instrument to be His act & Deed

Before — -

George Godfrey Justis of Peace

Bristol Ss Feby 16th 1761 Then Received This Instrument it is Recorded Libro 44th folio 523: pd

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TAUNTON May 4th A D 1763

We Alice Briggs Mary Pratt. Conftante Torrey Martha Lufcombe and Sufanah Burtt Daughters of Nathl Lincoln Late of Taunton Deceft have Recd the full of the wairing Clothes of our Aunt Experence Lincoln Late of Taunton Deceafed—Recd the above Mentiond by the Executor

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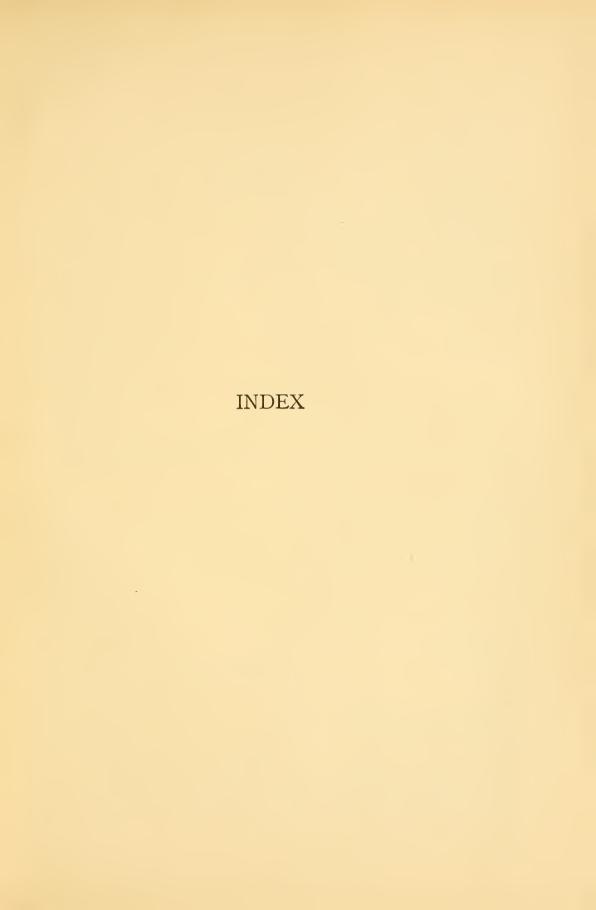
This letter from George Gilbert Lincoln, the youngest son of Rufus Lincoln, was the last word ever heard from him. It is understood that he returned to Savannah, Ga., and died there of yellow fever.

MILLEDGVILLE Jin 12th 1824
Bauldin County

Dear Farther

I take this time to inform you that i am wel & hope that you are injoying the Same Blising & all the rest of my frinds i left Savannah in march and went in to Country abou three hundred miles whare i staid tel July then I went to Bauldin County whare iam to work at present and shal Continue tel aprel & then shl Come on to the Nort if Buysness is no better if ican find Work so that I Can mak it Profetable i shal not Return this year. I supose you think very Strang that i havenot Rote befour but i wish you Wodnot think hard of me and rite to me as soon as you git this & let me now whot has taken Place Sence i left there

this is from you Sone
Gilbert Lincoln





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